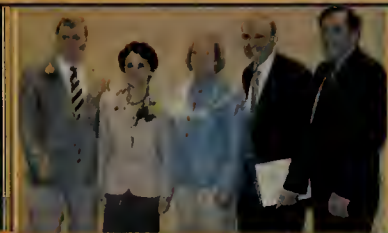


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Congressman and New Purdue President Visit North Central

On Aug. 9, Congressman Joe Donnelly and Purdue President France Córdova paid a visit to our beautiful campus. Chancellor Dworkin played emcee and introduced Donnelly and Córdova. Dworkin also expressed his excitement about collaborating with the guests on the future of Purdue.

Congressman Joe Donnelly (D) began the event and emphasized his ongoing support to Purdue. He stressed that Purdue is "leading the country into the future" with its global presence in agriculture and second-to-

PNC stands for Purdue's Nicest Campus

none research in energy independence from fossil fuels.

Purdue University's new president, France Córdova, addressed a packed house of PNC staff, faculty, and a handful of students. She received a very warm welcome as the audi-

ence gave her a standing ovation. Córdova began with her amazement at how beautiful the PNC campus is. She stated that someone told her PNC stands for Purdue's nicest campus.

Córdova also stated that her presidency following the legacy of former Purdue president Martin Jischke comes at an exciting and challenging time. There is an excitement about the momentum going on with Purdue's growth and there is a challenge because she has to meet the high standard set by Jischke. She states she is well-prepared to do so. Her "To Listen to Learn" plan addresses continuing engagement within the university.

Carl Stambaugh, SGA representative, co-president of the



President France Córdova smiles at the warm reception.

F.A.C.E. committee, and vice-president of TRiO Club, expressed excitement about the new president and her promise to get PNC a multi-use facility. "She is a very knowledgeable and outgoing woman who

seems to have a very broad outlook for the future of PNC."

Afterwards, faculty and staff stood in a very long reception line to individually congratulate and shake hands with the new president.

PNC BITS

Sam Donaldson Opens Sinai Forum

The 2007 season of the Sinai Forum Presented by Purdue University North Central will open on Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Elston Middle School in Michigan City with award-winning veteran television journalist Sam Donaldson.

Professor Earns Distinguished Research Award

Dr. Tantatape Brahmasrene, professor of Business and Economics in the PNC Central College of Business recently received a 2007 Distinguished Research Award from the Academy of Economics and Economic Education at the Allied Academies International Conference.

Chancellor's Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Purdue University North Central. Whether you are just beginning your PNC education, or are a returning student, the coming academic year promises many exciting challenges and opportunities.

During the past few weeks, while most of you have been enjoying your summer break, Purdue University and PNC have experienced some noteworthy changes.

First and foremost, Purdue University has welcomed its 11th president, Dr. France Córdova, who moved into her office this summer following the retirement of Dr. Martin Jischke.

Dr. Córdova most recently served as chancellor of the University of California, Riverside. She is an internationally recognized astrophysicist and was the first woman to serve as NASA chief scientist. Dr. Córdova has a long history of accomplishments and we are fortunate to have her as our president. We were very pleased to have been able to host Dr. Córdova for her first visit to the PNC campus on August 9, 2007.

In the coming days, be sure to stop in to visit the second floor of the Library-Student-Faculty Building. We've spent the summer making a number of improvements that will create a "one-stop shopping" experience for students.

The second floor is home to the new Student Success Center.

The Student Success Center brings together a number of our academic support services including:

Academic advising
Tutoring
Test proctoring.
You will also find the Writing Center here.

These services are located adjacent to our Library. The



Library has been renovated to offer state-of-the-art research capabilities. Students will find a welcoming environment within which to read, study and complete assignments.

I urge you to take advantage of the many opportunities our campus has to offer. You will find that education takes place in the classroom and in the communities in which we live and serve.

Our campus brings together people of all ages, races, religions, backgrounds, interests and intents. This is an ideal opportunity to explore new ideas and thought processes, meet new people, develop your leadership skills and make an impact both on our campus and in your community.

Your years at PNC will be some of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding of your life - make the most of them. There's truth in the old expression, "You get out of your education what you put into it." I look forward to seeing you on campus. You each have my sincere wishes for a successful semester.

Sincerely,

James B. Dworkin
Chancellor

Library Renovations Better Serve Students

The students, staff, and faculty coming into the fall 2007 semester will be witnesses to a radical change in our library. These changes are geared toward engaging the students by utilizing space as a one-stop support area.

According to the library strategic plan, "The PNC Library and Media Services will provide and promote access to quality information and media resources and services that supports a student-centered learning environment and enhances the university's commitment to learning, discovery, and engagement." Put in more laymen terms, students will go to the library more often because there will be more resources available by becoming



(Above) The reception area will be totally remodeled by the first day of classes. The doors to the left lead to the student services area. (Below left) A better view of the doors leading to the student services area. A lot of glass was used in the remodeling to brighten the library and bring advisors and counselors out of closed-in rooms.

an "inviting, comfortable, innovative, and welcoming place conducive to study, learning and research."

The advising center is now located in the library. The

learning center and student support services will soon nestle into their offices. There are better and more sound-proof testing facilities available as well.

Chancellor Dworkin's Open Office Hours

On Sept. 5 from 2:30-4 p.m. all faculty, staff and students are invited to stop in and visit with Chancellor Dworkin in SWRZ 137C to discuss your concerns, questions or comments. No appointment needed.

Labor Day Sept. 3

Don't show up on campus Mon. Sept. 3 because it will be closed for the Labor Day holiday.

Most Influential MBA Instructor

Dr. Thomas Brady III, associate professor of Industrial Engineering Technology, was awarded the Most Influential Instructor for the PNC MBA Program from the students of the MBA Program's first graduating class.

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Editorial

Top ten ways to Piss off your English professors ... and other curiosities

I've given away the subject of this editorial in the title. I gave up on wanting to capture your curiosity with an enigmatic headline and clue-dropping throughout the first paragraph, leading you to some life-changing revelation. Seems like I'm not that good a writer or, and probably more truthfully, I'm just really boring which I realized when trying to come up with something entertaining for my first editorial.

Pondering what I might write in my first-ever editorial took about three weeks after the realization that I had to write one. After two weeks, I figured out that the piece needed to be witty, informative, and something that wouldn't bore you readers to tears and risk any chance of you never picking up another issue of *The Voice*.

I can see the headline: Boring Editor Booted!

I don't particularly have any tremendous literary skills I could use to wow you with some majestic Shakespearean monologue. In fact, I really don't have any tremendous skills at all, unless you catch me five drinks downed at a local bar on karaoke night tying the cherry stem from my cranberry and vodka in a knot with my tongue (when you hang out in Westville - this is exciting).

Just as I was contemplating begging the assistant editor, Lyndsie Daikhi, to write all the editorials this year, I thought of something this English major could contribute -

my knowledge of how NOT to write.

Having absolutely no capability to understand algebra or balance a chemical equation, being an English major was the best choice for me. It just so happens that throughout my English-based scholastic career, I've found a lot of things that have really pissed off my English professors.

I'm going to share that knowledge now with my David Letterman-inspired Top Ten List (insert drum roll here).

Top Ten Ways to Piss Off Your English Professor

10. When writing papers - always use parenthetical asides (cuz they're cool), contractions, and slang cuz it's like your voice, ya know?!

9. Use hyphens instead of other forms of punctuation - like commas, semicolons, or transitional phrases - that would've shown your ability to form complete sentences.

8. Use CAPITALIZATION, bold type face, and underlining to emphasize your point cuz your English professor may NOT get your EMPHASIS.

7. Always greet the professor by mispronouncing his or her name while walking into class ten minutes late. While you're at it - never SPELL the professor's name correctly either.

6. When the professor asks for input from the class - never say a word. Instead,



silently whisper clock ticking sounds (tick, tick, tick, tick....).

5. Use excessive sentence-ending punctuation!!!!!!!

4. Ask for an extension on your paper - the day it is due.

3. Regardless of the requirements stated in your (which you probably shouldn't even read), use at least three different fonts and colors to dress up your papers and make them look nice for the professor.

2. Use second person in every paper. For those of YOU who don't know what second person is - ask YOUR English professor. Make sure to do this for every writing assignment. He or she will enjoy telling YOU again and again, then - use second person anyways.

And the NUMBER ONE way to piss off your English professor:

ALWAYS use Wikipedia as the main source of information in your research papers.

The previous material, of course, was merely compiled from my observations of other English students' blunders. I never have been guilty of such grammatical debauchery. Furthermore, I have not compiled this as a to-do list, but as a not-to-do list (this disclaimer saves me from certain castigation from my current English professors).

Although (dramatic pause), the little April-devil sitting on my shoulder makes a following suggestion to those who are truly daring: If you really want to watch your English professor contort, attach a box of red pens to the first assignment you hand in and declare: "It's GONNA be a loooooong semester, Professor (insert mispronounced name here)!!!!!!"

Panther Pride or Panther Problem?

This is a new section where the PNC community can use its voice.

E-mail us at *The Voice* and praise someone or some action that makes PNC Panther Proud or raise an issue that needs improving and is definitely a Panther Problem.

Put in the subject line of the e-mail "Panther Proud" or "Panther Problem" addressed to thevoice@pnc.edu.

What are you waiting for? Get your thoughts into issue 2!

Submissions

To submit news or announcements
e-mail us at thevoice@pnc.edu
call us at 875-5213
fax us at 875-5442
or come to the office at LSF 68.

Welcome from your SGA President

Dear fellow students,

On behalf of the 2007-2008 Student Government Association, I would like to welcome you to our beautiful campus for an exciting and well-anticipated school year.

Purdue North Central offers many great opportunities for not only a world-class education close to home, but also entertaining activities and clubs that thrive with YOUR involvement.

You chose PNC for a reason. Whether it was for the second-to-none education, the closeness to home, the small class sizes, the connection with faculty and staff that cannot be experienced elsewhere, or the opportunity to engage in our competitive athletics program. Now choose to be involved in other aspects of your experience here at PNC! Take the risk and find a club or organization that suits you.

Our clubs and organizations here at PNC range from Active Voices, a club that strives "to make positive change through duty and dialogue;" to Delta Sigma, a biology/chemistry club that represented Purdue North Central in the hurricane relief efforts last year; to *The Voice*, the student-run newspaper that has helped "to inform the campus community about the issues that affect them and to reflect the many voices therein."

The SGA hopes that you will help this school year be the



Newly-elected Student Government president
Adam Dobrzeniecki

best it can be with nothing less than giving a small amount of your time out of the classroom and be involved.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you on campus this year and wish you the best of luck in and out of the classroom!

If there is anything that you would like to talk with us about, please do not hesitate to stop into our office located in the basement of the LSF building (LSF 67 & 69).

We will be more than happy to voice your concern or just to chat! Again, get involved and along with your success in the classroom, your college experience here at PNC will be nothing short of spectacular!

Go Panthers!

In Memoriam...

Nathaniel Elshire

This past May a PNC graduate succumbed to a long-fought battle with cancer. Nathaniel Elshire was from the area. He graduated from La Porte high school and worked for the city of La Porte in the engineering office.

Elshire received an associate of science in building construction management which was bestowed upon him in Jan. 2007 by Chancellor Dworkin at the La Porte City Hall with a special ceremony.

Elshire was highly respected and involved at PNC despite being drained from chemotherapy due to his melanoma.

His death left behind a wife and two young children and for everyone who knew him, very fond memories.

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Big Screen, Books & Bands

Music Review

By Trilaina Sibó

Cruxshadows Combines Genres And Somehow It Works

When I was reading blogs this summer and happened to see a mention of a band called Cruxshadows that used electronica, goth, and new wave genres to produce their "unique and often catchy songs," I stared at my computer screen for a few minutes, then started to laugh. Out of curiosity, I looked for the band on YouTube.com and was pleasantly surprised by what I found.

Frontman Rogue's voice is hypnotic and smooth, blending with the guitar and synth work. The electric violin played by Rachel McDonnell gives the music a romantic feel and takes away some of the harshness caused by the electronic work.

The band's music is definitely a welcome relief from the pop music that dominates the industry.

The band started in the



early 1990s with four band members and two singer/dancers. The group was voted the number-five best band in the EBM, Darkwave, Gothic, & Industrial scene in a recent

international poll hosted by the Wave Gothic Treffen. It has an impressive list of tour sites, consisting of more than twenty-five countries, and it continues to release music and tour.

Cruxshadows' second single, "Birthday", is set to be released next month.

For a holdover until the release, check out "Deception," "Winterborn," and "Foreverlast" on YouTube or just head to the band's website at www.cruxshadows.com.

Ghost Tapes

Over the summer I got about twenty friend requests from bands on Myspace.com. I didn't look at any of them. However, I met a band called the Ghost Tapes in a chat room on meebo.com, and kept going back for more.

Their music is largely electronica, with a fairly quick beat. They have a bit of a young sound (think Panic! At the Disco's singer), then launch into angry growls that would put many screamo bands to shame.

"The lyrics are usually about love and sex and the struggle and frustration of people our age...growing up and not knowing what they want from the world when it comes to true love and life partners," said keyboarding John when trying to describe their music.

The five band members are all from the northeast corner of Kansas and Missouri, and play for the love of it,



believing the listeners are everything. They're influenced by bands ranging from Poison the Well, the Foo Fighters, Trivium, and even a bit of hip hop. Their music reflects the variety that they present to listeners.

New music and merchandise should be showing up sometime in fall/winter 2007, but until then, check them out at www.myspace.com/theghosttapes and definitely check out their songs "Old Four Smoking Barrels" and "Old Where We Bury."

Jessica Ring's Book Review and Movie Review will return once Jessica returns from Ireland - if she ever does...

Mel Theobald

"Up Close and Far Away" Large Format Photo Exhibit

PNC 2006-07 Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series is presenting an exhibit of large-format photography by Mel Theobald. The exhibit in the LSF 02 is presented free and open to the public.

In a statement written to *The Voice* by the artist, a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, Theobald describes the Russian element in his exhibit "Up Close and Far Away," containing twenty-two large-format digital photo panoramas of Chicago and Russia.

To arrange a tour or obtain further information about this exhibit or the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series, contact Judy Jacobi, PNC director of marketing at 1-800-872-1231, ext. 5593. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Carol Connelly at ext. 5267.

Exhibition of Digital Photographs

By Mel Theobald

The Russian photographs in my exhibit "Up Close and

Far Away" are the result of a 15-year escapade that began with the Russian Ministry of Culture and evolved into a long and passionate friendship with a small group of Moscow artists. During that time there have been many changes in my life which have caused me to reinvent myself in the pursuit of creative image making.

There are things we plan for in life and there are things that happen without instigation. That is probably due to luck. My favorite definition of luck is, "Being well prepared for the inevitable." Never-the-less, we do inevitably bring ourselves to the place where our hearts thrive. For me, the making of art has always been enveloped in the sense of history and human expression. Although, this can be philosophically complex, it can also be fundamentally simple. With the invitation to go to Russia to do curatorial work stemming from vast warehouses of paintings, it seemed that everything in my life suddenly had a new meaning.



Several of my distant relatives were farmers. They were fabulous story tellers. Theirs were the stories of life, not the result of myth and anecdote. The stories they told were vignettes of life experience. And yet, they were universal in their narrative. Often humorous and always informative, these stories moulded the idea that wisdom is found in our ability to see above the superficial events of our daily lives.

In this way, there was a larger context for me in Russia. The years of observing the economic, social and political changes provided a treasure trove of stories. What we do with our experience makes a difference. And what we as artists create is meaningful because it enlightens others about their own experience, not only our own. In the most basic images of nature, it is my belief that life is the culmination of our history and it is universal when presented truthfully. Thus, the Russian photographs combine the sensibility of my urban Chicago-life with that of

Moscow. Furthermore, they combine my non-urban heritage with the fields and rivers of the rural Russian countryside.

About five years ago I began working in digital photography. This was a great diversion from my basic instinct and development as a painter. Yet, it is in the desire to observe what others overlook that the painter shares space with the photographer. We are visually guided. The narrative is of life and the expression is of cultural participation. In short, we must live our lives to the fullest.

I feel that I have been privileged to integrate the pieces of my past with the present. In a more comprehensive understanding, the photographs of Russia cross the great international divide causing the exotic experience to become the common. "Up Close and Far Away" is both a literal allusion, suggesting global transcendence,

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Dean of Students John Coggins Welcomes Students

Dear PNC Student,

It is hard to believe that school is ready to begin for the fall term. Time really flies. I know I am looking forward to a great year.

I have been here a long time, but have not lost my enthusiasm for this campus. We have a great leader in Chancellor Dworkin, and as the year progresses you will see the fruits of his labor. I so hope in the spring we hear the announcement of a new multi-purpose building. You have no idea how that structure will impact this campus.

Until then though, we still have many wonderful things to choose from for students. You can join one of over 30 clubs or participate on one of our sports teams.

The Fine Arts, Convocations and Events committee has many exciting things planned for the school year. I know the "Battle of the Bands" and the outdoor evening movie are events you do not want to miss.

Purdue Pride Week occurs



the second week of school. You don't want to miss that as many fun activities are planned from August 28th to September 1st. Each person is responsible for how much they can get out of their college experience. This is your school so take advantage of what is available. You want to say you had the complete experience.

Please feel free to stop in the Dean of Students Office if you have any concerns or just to say hello. I am sincerely wishing you a great 2007-2008 school year.

Go Panthers!

Student Orientation Club Checklist

Circle the clubs that you are interested in and find their tables during student orientation.

Active Voices	PNC Bassmasters
Alpha Mu Pi (Sigma Tau Delta)	PNC Players
Alpha Sigma Lambda	Pre-Pharmacy Club
American Sign Language	Psi Chi
A.S.M.E.	Psychology Club
Business Leaders of Tomorrow	Rotaract Club
Campus Ministries	SHRM (Student Chapter of Society of
Cheer and Dance Squad	Human Resources Mgmt.)
Construction Club	Social Work Club
Dean's Leadership Group	Society for Anachronism
Delta Sigma Science Club	Spanish Club
English Club	STAND (Student Assessment for Nursing
F.A.C.E.	Development)
French Club	Student Education Association
Kappa Delta Pi	Student Government Association
Lambda Pi Eta	Tri Beta
OutLoud	TRiO Service Club
Phi Eta Sigma	The Voice (Student Newspaper)
Philosophy Club (The Forum)	

New Faces in New Places

New Dean of Liberal Arts College Dr. S. Rex Morrow



professor and a university administrator.

He has been part of the Jacob K. Javits National Fellowship Program in the Humanities and Social Sciences; has been a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar to India, the Netherlands, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi and has received a Korean Society Fellowship award. Morrow has served as a visiting professor of Education to Kaliningrad State University in Russia and has had overseas study and research experiences in China, France, Haiti, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Thailand, the British Isles and Zimbabwe. Dr. Morrow has led student and faculty groups to the former Soviet Union and to the People's Republic of China.

He received his Doctor of Education in Social Science Education and a M.A. Ed. in the teaching of American History from Ball State University; a M.A. degree in Early European History from Indiana State University at Terre Haute and a B.A. degree in history with social studies teacher certification from Marian College of Indianapolis.

He has earned numerous professional awards and holds membership in the National Social Science Association, the Association of Teacher Educators, the Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and the Illinois Association of Teacher Education in Private Colleges.

"Dr. Morrow will definitely be an asset to our campus, our University and to our community."-Chancellor Dworkin

The Purdue University Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Dr. S. Rex Morrow as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at PNC.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Morrow to Purdue North Central," said PNC Chancellor James B. Dworkin. "Dr. Morrow is an experienced educator who has a distinguished professional background and a clear commitment to academic excellence. Dr. Morrow will definitely be an asset to our campus, our University and to our community."

As dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Morrow will direct the Department of Communication, Department of Education, Department of

English and Modern Languages and Department of Social Sciences. He comes to PNC from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. where he served as chair of the Department of Teacher Education. Morrow also previously served as chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education, at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.

Morrow is native of Indianapolis and has served as teacher for elementary and middle school students, a college

New Dean of College of Science Dr. Keith Schwingendorf



PNC announces that the Purdue University Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Dr. Keith E. Schwingendorf as dean of the College of Science, effective July 1.

Schwingendorf has served the Purdue University system for more than 35 years, coming to PNC in 1991. He had served as interim dean since July, 2006. Prior to serving as interim dean, he served as the chair of the Mathematics/Physics/Statistics Department. Schwingendorf earned his bachelor's of science, master of science and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from Purdue University.

In this position Schwingendorf will provide academic leadership for the Mathematics/Physics, Biology/Chemistry and Nursing departments.

"Dr. Schwingendorf has been a member of the Purdue faculty for many years," said PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin. "He is an elected member of four academic honor societies and been active in campus leadership roles, search committees, governance and student activities while maintaining a mathematics research agenda. He has also served as an active faculty advisor for individual students and student organizations and he has mentored for tenure-track faculty. I know he will do an excellent job in this new role."

Schwingendorf is the recipient of four outstanding teaching awards and has received several grants from the National Science Foundation in the area of teaching mathematics. He is

author or co-author of several textbooks and serves as a reviewer and educational consultant for several publishing houses. Schwingendorf and his family reside in La Porte.

The College of Science department site boasts that "[s]cience is more exciting today than ever before due to the swiftness with which new insights are obtained and applied to human problems, such as population growth, disease, pollution, and energy shortages. The College of Science provides you the opportunity to pursue a career in science by interacting with first-rate scientists who also are gifted teachers."

The College of Science also provides an education for students whose goal is not a scientific career but who wish

to gain a general education with emphasis on scientific aspects of society.

The College of Science at PNC consists of three instructional departments: the Department of Biology and Chemistry; the Department of Mathematics and Physics; and the Department of Nursing. These departments offer undergraduate programs that will prepare you for a variety of careers and advanced graduate and professional study after graduation.

Visit the College of Science site at <http://www.pnc.edu/academics/cs.html> where you will find links and information regarding the Biology/Chemistry department, the Mathematics and Physics department, and the Nursing department.

Republican Presidential Candidates Square Off in Des Moines Debate

War in Iraq Defines Party Differences

By Lyndsie Daikhi

The Republican candidates for president in 2008 finally gathered for their first debate in Des Moines. The debate was televised on the ABC Sunday program "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos.

The debate highlighted some major differences amongst the candidates: issues such as; health care, abortion rights and the spreading of democracy throughout the world.

Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas vilified former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney for his previous position on abortion rights. Romney replied that he has changed his position.

"I get tired of people that are holier than thou because they've been pro-life longer than I have" Romney said.

Although there were several differences among the Republicans they were more likely to attack the Democrats



"We're losing this one. We shouldn't be there [Iraq]. We ought to just come home."
- Rep. Ron Paul

highlight the success in the war and to dignify their support for a further military presence in Iraq. For the most part, the Republicans followed the party line to try to gain the vote of right wing. Only one advocated for the withdrawal of the troops in Iraq.

Representative Ron Paul said, "We're losing this one. We shouldn't be there. We ought to just come home."

Senator John McCain countered that we were winning

than each other. A large part of the debate was centered on discussing remarks made by Democratic front-runner Barack Obama who had attacked Pakistan for providing safe havens for terrorists.

The most contrasting differences between this event and the Democratic debate held a day earlier were the views on the war in Iraq. Most Republicans were quick to



"One thing you can count on if I am President, if there is a war being waged by the terrorists, there will be war waged on the terrorists. And we will win!"
- Gov. Mitt Romney

The Ins and Outs of Impeachment

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Our founding fathers created a way for us to rid ourselves of public officials by way of impeachment.

This right is secured by the U.S. Constitution in Article I, Sections 2 and 3, which tells us the procedure and in Article II, Section 4, which tells us on what grounds we can impeach. These grounds include, "impeachment for, and conviction of treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors".

To remove an official there are two steps that one must follow. The first is a formal accusation or impeachment by the House of Representatives. Impeachment requires a majority vote in the House.

The second is a trial and conviction by the Senate. A conviction is a tricky clause that requires a two-thirds vote in the Senate. The vice-president presides over all cases except of the president and in that case the Senate is presided over by chief justice of the Supreme

Court.

Over the course of the United States there have been sixteen public officials that have been impeached by the House including two presidents, Andrew Jackson and Bill Clinton, a cabinet member, a senator, Charles Sumner, a justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Samuel Chase, and eleven federal judges. Amongst those mentioned, the Senate has convicted and removed seven; all of whom were federal judges.

The following list contains the names of all impeached federal judges. The seven who were removed from office are noted with an asterisk the others were acquitted:

John Pickering* impeached in 1803 on charges of mental instability and intoxication on the bench; Samuel Chase impeached in 1804 on charges of arbitrary and oppressive conduct of trials; James H. Peck impeached in 1830 on charges of abuse of the contempt power; West H. Humphreys* impeached in 1862 on charges of refusing to hold court and

waging war against the U.S. government; Mark H. Delahay impeached in 1873 on charges of intoxication on the bench (resigned before trial); Charles Swayne impeached in 1904 on charges of abuse of contempt power and other misuses of office; Robert W. Archbald* impeached in 1912 on charges of improper business relationship with litigants; George W. English impeached in 1926 on charges of abuse of power (resigned before trial); Harold Louderback impeached in 1933 on charges of favoritism in the appointment of bankruptcy receivers; Halsted L. Ritter* impeached in 1936 on charges of favoritism in the appointment of bankruptcy receivers and practicing law while sitting as a judge; Harry E. Claiborne* impeached in 1986 on charges of income tax evasion and of remaining on the bench following criminal conviction; Alcee L. Hastings* impeached in 1988 on charges of perjury and conspiring to solicit a bribe; Walter L. Nixon impeached in 1989 on charges of perjury before a federal grand jury.



The first Orange Day was July 27. Many people who oppose the war in Iraq and the Bush administration are demonstrating their desire to impeach President Bush and Vice-president Cheney by wearing orange on Fridays, including this bandanna sold by the World Can't Wait organization. Orange Fridays are scheduled for every Friday until the war ends.

Will Fridays Turn Orange?

Orange Fridays Provide Venue for Anti-war Feelings and Support for Due Process

By Lyndsie Daikhi

"Orange Fridays" began on July 27 as a way to express the deep sentiment that people have felt regarding President Bush and Vice-President Cheney.

The group Declare It Now created this campaign to raise awareness and to gain a voice. They ask their supporters to wear orange and to gather in public places in order to raise awareness. The supporters wear orange to show their support and to represent those who also wear the color who have been detained and tortured with no due process.

As stated by Dr. Dennis Loo of California State Pomona, the Declare It Now campaign is "a way of publicly declaring ourselves, seizing ground and showing our collective determination to bring the crimes of the Bush administration to justice NOW. People will stand out loud in the crowd and making their sentiments visible as more people wear orange with 'Bush and Cheney must go' and find people who think as they do."

There were several rallies that were organized to promote Orange Friday. They were held in Chicago, Atlanta,

Bakersfield, New York City, Houston, Los Angeles and in the San Francisco Bay area. At the New York City rally there were several well-known speakers including: Cindy Sheehan, Jonathon Tasini, Victor Toro, and the Revs. Billy and Elaine Brower.

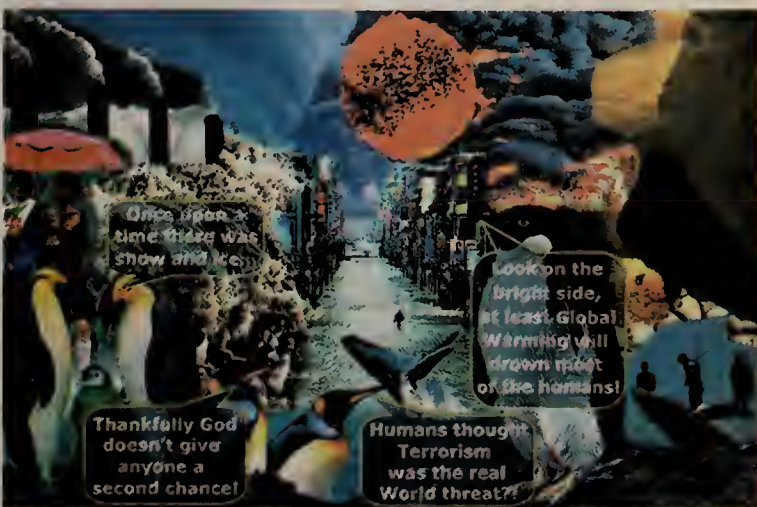
These rallies have had anywhere to as few as 30 to as many as 300 in attendance. The support that they are receiving from onlookers gives many of the participants the confidence that the message is catching on.

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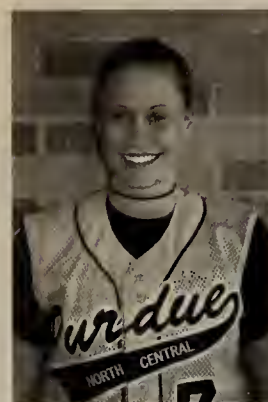
Three PNC Softball Players Receive All-Conference Honors



Bethany Toyias #18



Alyssa Duncan #2



Erin Foust #7

Three members of the 06-07 Purdue North Central softball team were named to Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic All-Conference teams.

Bethany Toyias and Erin Foust were both First Team recipients while Alyssa Duncan was named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Toyias, a junior from Schererville, Ind., and a product of Lake Central High School, made the First Team as a pitcher where she finished 14-6 overall with a 2.05 ERA. In 119.2 innings she gave up 46 runs (35 earned) and 100 hits. She struck out 104 while walking 45 and held opponents to a .219 batting average. Toyias appeared in 20 games, started 19, completed 15 and tossed three shutouts.

Foust, a freshman from South Bend, Ind., and South Bend Riley High School, made the First Team as an outfielder. She led the Panthers with a .394 average in 38 games played. Foust was 50 for 127 overall with nine doubles, 20 RBI, 24 runs, nine walks and just nine strikeouts. She also led the team with a .439 on-base-percentage and ranked third with five stolen bases in six attempts.

Duncan, a freshman outfielder, is also from Schererville and Lake Central High School. She batted .345 with nine doubles, four triples and 24 RBI. In 38 games played, Duncan was 41 for 119 with 23 runs and eight walks.

The Panthers finished 21-17 overall and 10-8 in the CCAC, setting single season win records in both categories. Their fourth place finish (of 10 teams) was also the highest in program history.

With a core of returning veterans and a solid recruiting class, second year head coach Jeff Boardman has the program on the rise. The team Boardman inherited last season had a limited roster and a dismal 6-32 record.

Schnatz Named Head Basketball Coach As Squad Looks to 07-08 Season

PNC Coach Gordon Grayling, who oversaw the PNC men's basketball squad's rise from just three wins in 2002-03 to its first winning season last year, announced in July that he would be leaving Westville to move to Purdue Calumet where he has been named to clean up a program that has been troubled by a series of eligibility violations. Assistant David Garrett accompanies Grayling in the move to Calumet.

Staying on at PNC is Assistant Coach Kristofer Schnatz, who has been named head coach, and Athletic Director John Weber is confident the new man is ready to carry on with the team's win-

ning ways in the difficult Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

For the past four seasons Schnatz has been an integral part of the PNC staff, with duties that included practice and game coaching, recruiting, scouting and film exchange. "We are pleased that Kristofer is able to assume the head coaching responsibilities," Weber said. "He is familiar with our program, our University and our student athletes. Our program has advanced significantly through the years and we anticipate that Schnatz will continue the trend."

Schnatz began coaching

upon graduation from college in 1999 and had been part of successful high school programs in New York, Maryland and Indiana. He is from Long Island, New York and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Transportation from the State University of New York Maritime College.

He enjoyed a successful playing career for the Maritime Privateers. He was a three year starter, a team captain by his junior year and led them to their first post-season appearance out of the Skyline Conference.

Schnatz is a captain aboard the Blue Chip Casino vessel in Michigan City. He completed his Master of Science in Sports



Administration from Valparaiso University in 2005. Schnatz currently resides in Chesterton, with his wife, Kristen, and two-year-old twin daughters Lia and Taylor and newborn Aybriel.

Seven New Recruits Join Lady Softballers

The Purdue North Central softball team has announced seven new recruits that have signed letters of intent for the 2007-08 academic year.

They are: Christina Caldwell (Andean High School), Julie Farmer (Chesterton High School), Lauren Olivo (Highland High School), Samantha Griffith

(Portage High School), Anna Stephens (Crown Point High School), Danielle Burdine (Cascade High School) and Erica Wulczynski (New Prairie High School).

This group along with a core of returning veterans looks to lead the Panther softball program to new heights under the direction of head

coach Jeff Boardman. After inheriting the team with a limited roster for the 2006 season, Boardman and the Panthers finished 6-32. However, after just one recruiting class, PNC rebounded for a 21-17 overall record and a 10-8 finish in the difficult Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The Panther coaching staff has been very successful in attracting local talent, as 14 members of last year's squad came from less than an hour away. With the program's reputation on the rise, this is a trend that the Panthers expect to continue.

New Coach and First Season of Intercollegiate Competition for Panther Volleyball Team



of coaching experience at various levels throughout his career. Prior to being named the head coach at PNC, he served as the assistant coach for the Panther club volleyball team in 2006.

Higgins was a volleyball coach at North Judson-San

Pierre High School in 2005, where he currently is in his fourth year teaching Industrial Technology at the middle school.

Before accepting his teaching position at North Judson-San Pierre, Higgins was an assistant for the Tri-State University women's volleyball team in 2002. He also has several years of team and individual camp experience, working at Sweet Home High School in Amherst, New York from 1998-2002.

As a player, Higgins was a standout, four-year

starter at Tri-State University. He helped lead the team to two NAIA National Tournaments and was named Second Team All-Conference in his senior year. Higgins was named to three All-tournament teams during his career and was Tri-State's team captain in 2002 and co-captain in 2001.

Higgins earned his Bachelor's degree in CADD Technology from Tri-State in 2003 and his Masters in Technology Education from Ball State University in 2004.

Albano Named Baseball All-American

Junior pitcher Tom Albano was recently named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American.

Albano was named First Team All-Region as a relief pitcher by the selection committee after being named First Team All-Conference by the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. As a First Team All-Region selection, Albano automatically becomes an Honorable Mention All-American, and has a chance to reach higher All-American status.

Albano finished 4-0 with seven saves and a 1.88 ERA in 17 games. In 28.2 innings, Albano struck out 31 and walked eight while holding opponents to a .189 average. He gave up eight runs (six earned) and just 18 hits on the year, including just one extra base hit. Albano had not given up an

"It's funny, Tommy's the smallest guy on the field but he produces the biggest results."
- Coach Jim Weber



Tom Albano #42

earned run all year until the final game of the season when he was tagged for six runs and eight hits in four innings of work.

Albano was converted to a submarine style pitcher his freshman year by head coach John Weber and has been a standout performer ever since. Last year he was 4-1 with a 1.66 ERA and five saves in 18 games. He allowed six runs (four earned) in 21.2 innings pitched while striking out 20 and walking four. Opponents

batted just .241 verses Albano in 2006 and he gave up just 19 hits. As a freshman in 2005 he was 3-0 with two saves and a 2.33 ERA in 12 games. He allowed six earned runs in 18 innings and gave up only eight hits (two for extra bases) and struck out 19 while walking 10. Albano is already PNC's career and single season record

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Two Former PNC Panther Baseballers Sign with Pros

Steve Georgion and Steve Hudson, former baseball players for the PNC Panthers have signed with professional leagues. Hudson is believed to be the first Panther to sign a pro contract with Georgion being the second.

Georgion, who completed his playing career at PNC this spring, signed his professional baseball contract with the Slippery Rock Sliders based out of Penn. of the Frontier League. Georgion, a 6'2 and 220 pound left-handed hitter from Valparaiso, Ind. (Boone Grove HS) primarily played first base but also filled a utility role for the Panthers.

Georgion ended the season for the 28-22 Panthers with a .380 average while hitting third in the batting order. He was 65 for 171 overall with seven home runs, 38 RBI's, 13 doubles, four triples, scored 42 runs and stole 10 bases in 12



Steve Hudson practices on second while signed with the Slippery Rock Sliders based out of Penn.

attempts. Georgion only committed two errors all year, was voted First Team All-conference and won the Rawlings Gold Glove Award for his standout defensive play.

"Steve has earned this opportunity," said head coach John Weber. "He was one of hardest workers on the team and was always working on

improving his game. He had another great year for us both offensively and defensively. We look forward to following his pro career."

Georgion will join former teammate Steve Hudson, an infielder who also signed a contract following the conclusion

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Harassment Policy

Fostering Respect, Creating Community

Purdue University, as a land grant institution, has a long history of service to community. In continuing that service within contemporary times the University has committed, as reflected in the University Nondiscrimination Policy, to build and maintain "a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understand and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential."

In order to build and maintain such a community it is essential that all the members of the community become knowledgeable about the vision and the goals of the community. It is only when all members of the community accept responsibility to work towards a climate of inclusiveness that it will come to fruition. Within the academic community, there is little question that an inclusive, respectful environment supports and facilitates learning. Thus, there is little question but that it is in the best interest of all involved to become active in ensuring that PNC builds and maintains such an environment.

At Purdue North Central several policies and procedures have been put in place to guide faculty, staff and students in the development of our community. The Purdue University Nondiscrimination Policy Statement and the Purdue University North Central Ethics Statement, Administrative Memorandum No 1-03 July 1, 2003, form the foundation of our guidance. The most widely acknowledged compliance policies and procedures in regard to issues of discrimination and harassment are embodied in Executive Memorandum No. D-1 Revised, Reaffirmation of University Policy on Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action; Executive Memorandum No. C-33, Antiharassment Policy; and Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Discrimination and Harassment (revised May 3, 2004).

These policies cover all

members of the PNC community...faculty, staff and students. Harassment is a form of discrimination. It is important to understand the definitions and the standards in using these terms. Faculty, staff and students at PNC are protected against discrimination (harassment) on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran. If an individual believes that they are subject to discrimination or harassment on the basis of any of these characteristics, it is important to tell someone. If they are not ready to file an official complaint, it is still important to tell a friend, family member, advisor or other individual who can help to process the concerns and to help to put together a statement. It is important to keep a log recording the time, date, individuals involved, description of the behavior and noting any witnesses. No official University action can be taken when no notification has been given University officials. It is, therefore, essential to report violations of University policies as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken. Students may report through the Dean of Students Office or the EO/AA Office. Faculty and staff may report through their respective supervisors, Vice Chancellors or the EO/AA Office.

In determining whether behavior is harassment under the policy of the University, the alleged behavior "will be evaluated by considering the totality of the particular circumstances, including, the nature, frequency, intensity, location, context, and duration of the questioned behavior." (Exec. Memorandum C-33) Four basic standards are important in determination of harassment: The conduct must be sexual (racial, religious, etc.) in nature. The conduct must be unwelcome. The conduct must be severe or pervasive. The conduct must be offensive or intimidating to a reasonable person.

Discipline for violations of policy varies in accordance with

the severity and pervasiveness of the violation. However, in general, progressive discipline normally begins with a verbal warning; moves to a written sanction; and then escalates to suspension/termination. Other forms of discipline may be utilized such as denial of merit raises; reassignment or other action commensurate with the nature of the violation. Note that despite what you may have been told or some individuals may believe, tenure is not a defense and does not protect a faculty member found in violation of the policies under discussion. Tenured faculty members are subject to the policies and procedures the same as everyone else. Tenured faculty members can be terminated.

In some cases where there is insufficient evidence to establish a standard of harassment or discrimination, there may be sufficient evidence to recommend disciplinary action under the ethics code for the University. Rude and crude behavior (incivility) undermines the learning process and can not be tolerated in a system that has a "commitment to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understand, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential."

Fostering Respect, Creating Community: Equal Access and Equal Opportunity at Purdue University includes the Purdue University Nondiscrimination Policy Statement, Executive Memorandum No. D-1, Executive Memorandum No. C-33 and the Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Discrimination and Harassment. This booklet is available in the Dean of Students Office and the EO/AA Office. These policies and procedures are also available on the Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity web site at <http://www.pnc.edu/cd/policy/index.html>

Dean of Students staff, advisors, faculty and the EO/AA Officer are available to discuss these issues.

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and a perceptual reference to detail and broad panoramic composition.

In this exhibit it is my hope to bring what seems very distant within reach all who see the work.

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bolder for appearances, saves and ERA. This year's numbers would have been even better if he hadn't missed several games due to a freak injury. He was hit in the head on an overthrown ball during pre-game infield and suffered a blood clot to the brain. Albano's presence was sorely missed as the Panthers blew several late inning leads during his absence.

"We couldn't be happier for Tommy," said Weber. "He epitomizes all that we want in our student-athletes and represents us in a classy manner both on and off the field. He is a great student, is involved in several campus activities, including PNC's Student Government (Secretary), and is a great competitor."

Albano's career for the Panthers is a success story that Weber often shares with others.

"He literally was the last guy on the team his freshman year," said Weber. "He was getting hit hard in practice so we asked if he would be willing to try submarine style pitching to offer a different look."

Albano, a baseball junkie, responded that he would do whatever he could to help the team. Weber had never coached a submarine style pitcher before so they researched how to do it, spending hours looking up video on the internet and contacting other coaches for advice.

It turned out that one of Weber's close coaching friends, Ben Bachman, now the pitching coach at Miami University of Ohio, had recently helped convert other pitchers and sent video they could study. One of the pitchers that Bachman (then an assistant at the University of Maryland) helped, Steve Schmoll, eventually made it to the major leagues and served as another great example for Albano.

The rest is history. Every time Weber gave Albano the ball in mop-up duty, he kept producing. Eventually, midway through his freshman year, he earned the closer job and has held it ever since.

"Honestly, on the spring trip to Florida his freshman year he threw one-third of an inning...and we only let him do that because we wanted to get him in before the end of the trip," said Weber. "It's funny, Tommy's the smallest guy on the field but he produces the biggest results," added Weber.

Despite his size, listed generously at 5'9, 160 lbs on the Panther roster, Albano continues to baffle the opposition.

"His demeanor is perfect for closing...nothing flusters him," said Weber. "It just shows what hard work and perseverance can do."

Albano is just the third member of the young Panther baseball program to receive All-American status. Current catcher Chris Stocker was Honorable Mention in 2006 and former first baseman Gary Ray received the same honor in 2004.

College Bound Kids Spend the Day at PNC

By Lisa Rosenkratz

On Aug. 9 eighth graders and high school students from Michigan City area schools spent a day on the PNC campus.

The students are participants in PNC's College Bound program, which provides guidance and mentoring for students to prepare for college.

Participants must be the first in their families to receive a degree and are selected based on attitude, behavior, and I-Step scores.

The program serves approximately 150 students in

Michigan City and La Porte schools. If the students decide to attend PNC, they will receive a four-year scholarship.

The students spent the day having talks about college life, high school prep, sex, drugs, and the importance of having positive role models around them.

They performed skits and met with PNC students. Director Kila Ward has been with program since its birth in 2005. To learn more about the program visit their website www.pnc.edu/collegebound.

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of PNC's season.

Hudson, who also completed his playing career at PNC this past spring, recently signed a professional baseball contract with the Slippery Rock Sliders of the Frontier League, the same league that Georgian was signed to. Hudson, a 5'10, 175 pound right-handed hitter from

Willowbrook, Ill. played short-stop for the Panthers but will be the opening day second baseman for the Sliders.

Hudson ended the season for the 28-22 Panthers with a .385 average, primarily from the lead-off spot. He was 52 for 135 overall and had three home runs, 14 RBI, nine doubles, one triple, scored 29 runs and stole 14 bases in 18 attempts.

"We're excited for Steve and this great opportunity," said head coach John Weber. "He was probably someone that was overlooked because of his size (5'10), but he had an excellent year for us. Professional scouts told us if he were taller he would have been drafted as he has excellent actions, is fast and has a strong arm."

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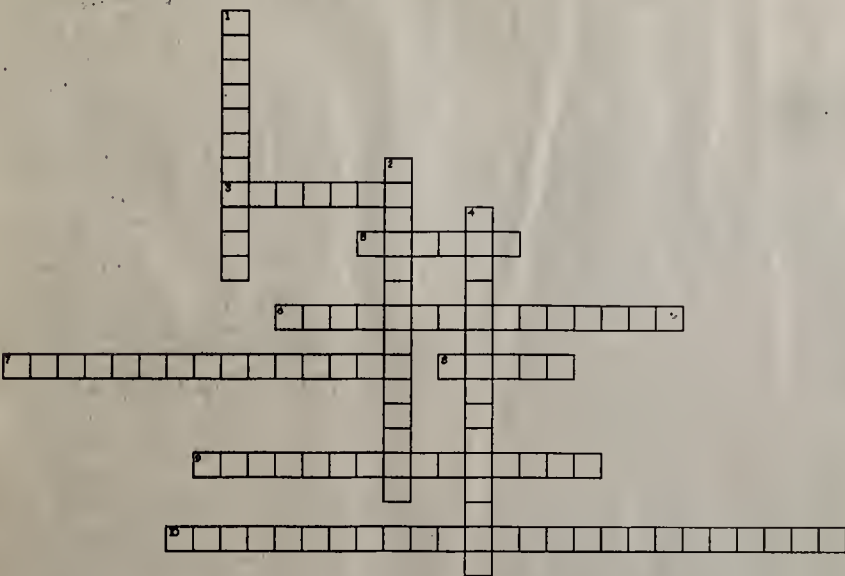
There are message boards, club announcements, videos, podcasts, articles, pictures, and a lot more.

So check it out!

PNC Words to Know

Puzzle 1

Instructions: Complete the puzzle using the following terms/phrases: Encumbrance Fee, Full-time Student, WebCT, Tutors, Wash/Rinse Cycles, Student Organizations Clubs, Tuition, Direct Admission, Transfer Student, Plan of Study



Across

- The cost of course charges and fees, and does NOT include textbooks.
- PNC students or faculty members who provide FREE assistance to other students in specific subjects.
- The cancellation of a student's class schedule for non-payment or non-deferment of tuition.
- A student meets or exceeds PNC's enrollment requirements.
- The software that some instructors use for course information.
- A student enrolled for 12 or more credit hours per semester.
- Over thirty of these are currently active at PNC and are sanctioned by the Student Government - each must have a constitution, by-laws, club advisor, etc.

Down

- This is a four or five year plan of courses that will meet the requirements of the student's chosen degree.
- An additional fee charged to students who have not yet paid for the previous semester's bill or miscellaneous item (i.e. printer units).
- A student who began college education at another college other than PNC.

Celebrate Purdue Pride Week! August 27-30, 2007

Monday

Health/Wellness Day
LSF 144

Presentation:
Healthy Eating,
Burning Calories and
Alternatives to Fast Food
by Todd Laux & Gary
Demski
LSF 02 Noon - 1 p.m.

Fitness Center Open
House
For faculty, staff and stu-
dents - come check us out!

Tuesday

Black and Gold Day
Entire campus community
- wear your Purdue Pride
on your sleeve, shoes,
pants, etc.!

Blood Drive
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LSF 144

Office Decoration
Contest/Club Contest

Wednesday

FREE Papa John's Lunch
Courtesy of the
PNC Alumni Association
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Plaza

Ice Cream Social
Dairy Queen Dilly Bars

Club Callout
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plaza

Dave Tamkin - Guitarist
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plaza

Volleyball & Flag Football
Plaza

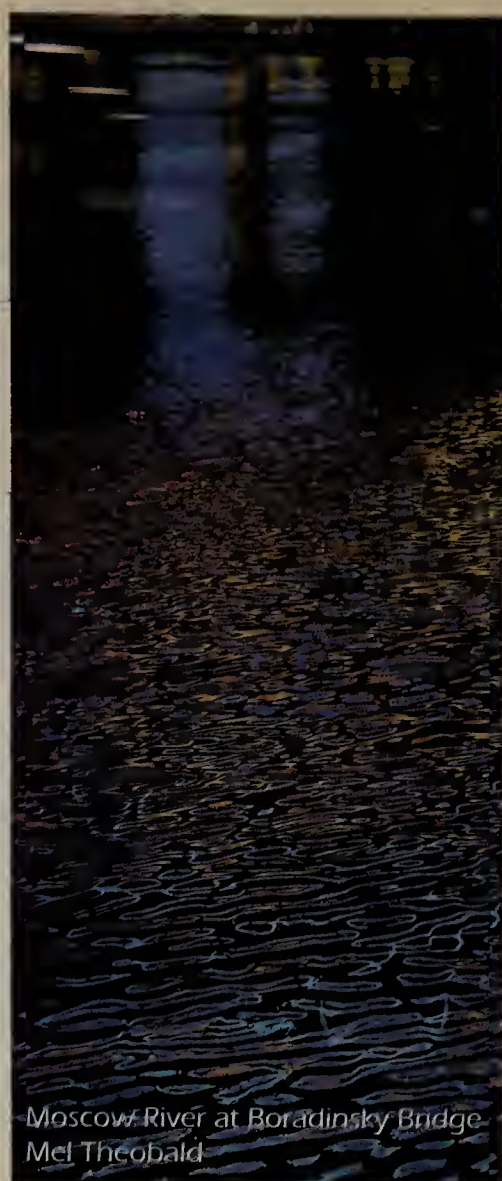
Thursday

FREE Jimmy John's Lunch
Courtesy of the PNC
Alumni Association
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Plaza

Ice Cream Social
Dairy Queen Dilly Bars

Scratch Track
Performance (2-man
music group)
Plaza

Volleyball & Flag Football
Plaza



Moscow River at Boradinsky Bridge
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Phone _____ E-mail _____

Guest Name 1 _____

Guest Name 2 _____

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Campus to Go No Smoking

By April Hodge

For smokers who need a good excuse to quit, listen to this: PNC will be a non-smoking campus as of Nov. 15.

PNC will join local area campuses in the fight against heart disease and other tobacco-related illnesses launched by Smoke-free America Day with La Porte Hospital and St. Anthony's Hospital in Michigan City. Chancellor Dworkin elaborated on the decision, "It's been proven over and over that the effects of smoking is bad, also side stream smoking is bad as well." Dworkin goes on to say that PNC is going to work with staff and students to help them quit smoking perhaps by even offering incentives though there is no word now on what those incentives may be.

Dworkin expressed that when the smoking ban goes into effect on Nov. 15, it will be a "soft start" with stricter rule enforcement happening this upcoming spring semester. His main concern is with the health of those on campus stressing studies that state when tempta-

tion of smoking is reduced, it is easier to quit. Dworkin went on to say that he is not trying to make people angry but believes that "[quitting tobacco] is something that will be good for their health. If just one person who smokes now quits, or one person who is thinking about smoking will not start smoking because of this and they go on to lead a happier life, I feel it will be a big success. This is the right time and the right thing to do."

Dworkin stated that he will be sending out an official announcement about the decision in a week or two.

Part of the campus community is thrilled that there will be no more tobacco usage, including smoking, others are not.

Many smokers on campus are voicing their displeasure at the decision. Some are calling it a violation of their rights and stating that if they pay tuition, they should be allowed to smoke.

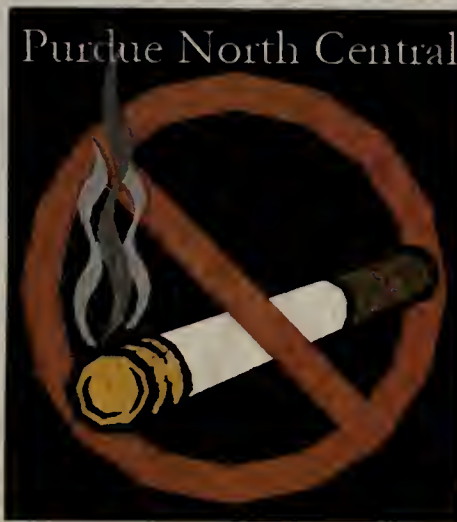
Sara Clanton, a part-time student at PNC, expressed her thoughts, "I think for all the money that you're spending coming to school, it just doesn't seem fair to the students [that smoke]. I think what's going to

happen is a lot of people are going to start smoking in the bathroom. It's going to be just like in high school."

Another student who only used her first name agrees with Clanton. Christine stated, "I pay to come here, so I think I should get more rights than I had in high school. It's not government funding."

Kurt Holloway, a first semester student, found out about the smoking ban when a staff member of The Voice approached him. Holloway stated when asked how he felt about the ban, "Outside around buildings and stuff, I can understand that [the ban], but the [ban of] smoking in cars is kinda harsh."

Whereas some non-smokers on campus may sympathize with the smokers, most welcome the



Campus opinion is split over administration's decision to go tobacco-free starting on Nov. 15.

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Nursing Staff Aids in Campus Emergency

Duane Tucker, of LaPorte, the parent of a Purdue North Central student, was on campus Saturday, Aug. 18, to participate in the New Student Orientation activities.

Tents had been set up on campus to highlight the PNC student clubs and activities, and Tucker was near the tents located northeast of the Technology Building when he collapsed.

PNC Nursing Department faculty members who were on hand for the Orientation activities, quickly moved to

assist Tucker.

As a bystander summoned PNC Police Officer Michael Wheeler to call for help.

Karen Klosinski-Schooley, visiting assistant professor of Nursing, began administering CPR. Annette Coates, clinical assistant professor of Nursing; Dr. Marne Justel, assistant professor of Nursing also helped apply CPR. Angela Schooley, visiting assistant professor of Nursing, comforted Tucker's family.

"As nurses, we do not hesitate to help in an emergency,"

said Dr. Yeou-Lan Duh Chen, chair of the Department of Nursing. "Our priority was tending to the patient and his family."

PNC Police Chief Robert Gaekle, who is also an EMT, also assisted with treatment by using the PNC Campus Police Department Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) until the Westville Volunteer Fire Department and the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services Ambulance arrived.



Student Orientation Day came to a serious halt when a father of a new PNC student collapsed and needed emergency services.

Record Enrollment Numbers Set Again

PNC set all-time enrollment and credit hour records this fall. The 2007 - 2008 academic year opened Aug. 20 with a record of 3,904 students who are enrolled in a record-setting 41,093 credit hours for this fall semester.

This represents a 4.83 percent increase in students and a 3.98 percent increase in credit hours over the fall semester of 2006.

PNC students include 2,313 full-time students, marking the fifth consecutive year that the campus has registered a record number of full-time students.

Undergraduate students are taking an average of 10.6 credit hours each. In addition, the number of first-time freshman enrolled is 804, an eleven percent jump from fall semester 2006. The average PNC undergraduate student is 25 years-old with the student body consisting of 1,626 males and 2,278 females.

PNC has 89 graduate students averaging 34 years of age. Seventy-four of these students are enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program offered at PNC - Porter County in Valparaiso. In comparison, PNC graduate students have an average age of 34 years.

"Once again, many stu-

dents from Northwest Indiana are choosing to earn their Purdue degrees at Purdue North Central. PNC offers students a broad range of academic programs, plus a variety of minors. Many students who earned their associate degrees at Ivy Tech Community College have enrolled in one of PNC's bachelor's degree programs," said Chancellor James B. Dworkin. "We also have a successful MBA program offered at PNC - Porter County in Valparaiso."

PNC - Porter County also offers a full schedule of undergraduate programs. This semester, 668 students are enrolled in classes there, which is a sizeable increase from last fall.

Valparaiso owns the largest number of students who attend PNC at 846 followed by La Porte (631), Michigan City (526), Portage (296), and Chesterton (248). Most of the remaining students come from rural areas of LaPorte, Porter, Starke, St. Joseph, Jasper, Pulaski and Marshall counties. By county comparison, 1,603 students come from LaPorte County, 1,581 students from Porter County, 163 from Starke County, and 215 from Lake County.

PNC BITS

Sinai Forum

The 2007 season of the Sinai Forum Presented by Purdue University North Central will host Dr. Sherwin Nuland on Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Elston Middle School in Michigan City.

Annual Campus Golf Outing

Join us for a four-person scramble to support PNC Panther Athletics! All proceeds from this event will go towards student-athlete scholarships and other athletic expenditures. For more information, call John Weber at (219) 785-5273 or visit www.pnc.edu/athletics

Constitution Day 2007

On Sept. 7 PNC will hold free events in LSF 144 to honor Constitution Day. Guests will be the Honorable William J. Boklund, La Porte County Superior Court judge; Honorable Allen Sharp, U.S. District Court judge; PNC professor Dr. Janusz Duzinkiewicz, associate professor of History. The Office of Student Activities is presenting "Test your Knowledge of the Constitution" with prizes awarded to the winners, so study up!

PNCWA Bake Sale

The PNC Women's Association is having a bake sale on Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Swartz Hall and the entrance to the Tech building. Bring your change.

Brownbag Series Begins

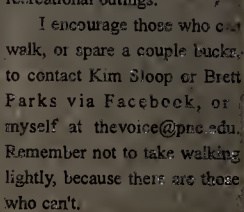
Brownbag lunch series begins on Sept. 19 at noon with a presentation titled "Macchu Picchu, One of the New Seven Wonder of the World." Professor Maria Ziegenfuss, visiting assistant professor of Spanish; Kathryn Miller, limited-term lecturer; Kenneth Kincaid, assistant professor of History will be the presenters for this topic which lasts until 12:45 p.m. For more information contact Bob Mellin at bmellin@pnc.edu.

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By April Hodge

I believe that everyone reading this has at least heard of Facebook.com. Kim is a friend on my Facebook and this is where I heard about her need to have people walk for her. I thought, "I can walk," and so I contacted her. I happened to call her the first day that she used her collapsible wheelchair on

This is a major event that I am glad to take part in. I've never done any charity work like this before. Though every cent is appreciated, I don't think that I can count throwing loose change into a can at a checkout line as charitable contributions. I just don't like having a lot of change in my pocket. A more personal, involved approach definitely solidifies that human element those cans lack. I mean: this is a big event that will impact the lives of others, and to



By Jessica Ring

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Arts & Entertainment

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Big Screen, Books & Bands

Movie Review

By April Hodge

If your humor keeps company with Will Ferrell's *Blades of Glory* or Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn in *Dodge Ball*, you'll love *Balls of Fury* starring Christopher Walken, George Lopez, and Dan Fogler.

This movie adds to the now popular fad of making movies about obscure sports. *Balls of Fury* is about a table tennis death match surrounding a former child table tennis champion played by Dan Fogler who has to win or face his demise.

Of course, Def Leppard rock ballads are used at appropriate moments when irony is called for. The songs bring a reminiscent tear to the eye.

Don't rush out to movie theaters if comedies like this are only amusing to you; wait for it to come out on pay-per-view, DVD, or even the movie channels.

Many critics do not find the movie entertaining. They believe that the script is "lazy" and also complain that movie



goers are sick of the comedic remakes of low-grade sports. Many are guessing that we'll soon see Red Rover rivalry, freeze tag, or the most popular game on school playgrounds - hopscotch.

Whether you're one to listen to critics or not, it is a delightful movie for a first date and Christopher Walken can make any character interesting. His part in the film alone makes it worth seeing.

Book Review

By Jessica Ring

Rarely does a required-reading novel stimulate enough interest the casual to read it. *Palestine*, by Joe Sacco, is a very singular exception.

The author, Sacco, a Maltese-born American journalist, ventures to Palestine in an effort to understand a perspective not often heard from in the Israel-Palestine conflict. He makes a subject normally unreachable to non-political science majors vividly clear by the usage of his Expressionist drawings.

Interviews with Palestinian refugees are made explicitly clear when set in the foreground of clenched teeth, destitute living conditions, and an uncertainty of the future.

His drawing style is crisp and clean, and his message focuses on the humanistic approach rather than a military one. However, Sacco is anything but a voyeur disguised as a concerned humanitarian. An underlying theme of the novel is the very question of the purpose of people like Sacco interviewing war-torn citizens. He repeatedly questions himself, and the ethics of profiting off of



the misery of others in foreign countries.

The controversial novel as anti-Semitic merely for daring to represent the "terrorist" side, but he makes no mention of supporting one side or the other.

Palestine is a heart-wrenching tale that does not take itself too seriously, leaving the ironic apathy reflective in the message to general American sentiment.

Music Review

By April Hodge

It's another six months before March 17 arrives. For all of the die-hard St. Patty's Day fans, this is too much to bear. Memories of last St. Patty's Day, however hazy they may be, are fading. The longing is creeping up inside to swig another pint of green beer, dress like a leprechaun, and listen to fiddles, pennywhistles, and pipes.

Well, don't despair! If you want to get that feeling of a bar, crowded with loud, drunken, Irish wanna-bes, go out and purchase Flogging Molly's *Alive Behind The Green Door* album. The album is full of raucous and randiness, which is precisely the fix that the St. Patty's Day addict needs.

Dave King, lead singer and former vocalist for the heavy metal band Fastway, adds to the craziness of the crowd whenever he performs. Folly reigns free at Flogging Molly concerts, as demonstrated on the album. King is heard starting



songs before his other band members are ready saying, "He's always tuning up."

Alive Behind The Green Door came out in 1997 and was recorded live at Molly Malone's in San Francisco, CA. Perhaps not the first town that comes to mind when you think Irish, but the sound from the inebriated crowd belting out lyrics to "Laura" definitely sounds Irish.

This album will temporarily relieve those withdrawal symptoms. Just remember not to drive while listening.

Dave Tamkin Plays at PNC

By Jonathan Sichtermann

On August 29, Chicago artist Dave Tamkin played at PNC for Panther Pride Week. Tamkin played some of his

most popular songs including *Message in a Bottle* and *SOS*. The performance was just part of the Pride Week festivities, but one of the week's most popular events.

For those who may be



Dave Tamkin performs live at various Chicagoland locations.

unfamiliar with the artist, Tamkin plays primarily at universities around the Midwest. His current tour is taking him throughout the upper Midwest from Michigan to North Dakota. In case any students missed his PNC performance, they can catch him playing at Duffy's in Chicago on September 18 at 9:00pm. Admission is free and more information can be obtained at myspace.com/davetamkin.

Tamkin's performance was extremely popular with both students and faculty. Most students who were interviewed were pleased with the songs he sang.

"For the hour he performed he did a very good job," commented Carl Stambaugh. "His performance was cut short due to the rain. That was the only problem with an otherwise excellent performance."

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Star Pointer by John Henry

New Sculptures

Demeter - Dessa Kirk

This 16-foot-high piece, made out of recycled metals, features Kirk's face sculpted from a fiberglass mold representing the Greek goddess of the harvest. Kirk's popular pieces are also featured in Chicago on Michigan Avenue.

French Kiss - Ron Gard

Much of my work involves shapes that fold back on themselves or are juxtaposed to create a sense of tension or animation. In French Kiss the 2 blade-like shapes have achieved a balance and peace as a result. Relationships, both personal and global, have these same passionate characteristics.

Star Pointer - John Henry

Henry whose work resides on five continents, created a red 75-ft-high, Corten steel piece work which is on loan for one year. "Americans need a reference point. What people find pleasing has to do with their own visual vocabulary, how willing they are to take in visual information. Ours is a young country, a pioneer country, still about the business of making an impact."

Sunflower Family - Fritz Olson

"A father, mother and child" group of carved marble sunflowers, 5 to 7 feet tall. Olson is well-known for working in stone and marble.

Amalgamate - Travis Lanning

One sculpture composed of three large turtle-like creatures, Amalgamate speaks to minute details of living things. My pieces are often based on my fascination with things unknown. I am compelled by the notion that it is truly impossible to be certain about anything.

Swoop - Michael Young

A stainless steel 20-foot abstract work lit by neon, Swoop, suggests a rush of energy or flight. It is located on Hwy. 421.

Chamber Muse Synesthesia - Richard Kiebdaj

Made in steel and coated with colorful macropoxy 646, the piece suggests the forms of a bass, cello, viola and violin and the color suggests the synesthesia of a chamber quartet.

Existing Odyssey Pieces

Rainbow Flyer - S. Thomas Scarff

A work of aluminum and neon that creates an energized flying machine humbly approaching nature.

Geisha Rose - S. Thomas Scarff

A feminine form suggesting the peace of a flower, bronze and stainless steel.

Running Arch - John Adduci

The arch resembles a Roman arch of triumph "on the run," truckin'! With an exaggerated foot forward, its size and presence in brushed aluminum is worth more than a quick look from Highway 421.

Alexander's Circus - Zeld Werner

A home or friendly animal.

Ohi - Michele Goldstrom

A welded aluminum tree, this work is whimsical and utterly familiar, its neighboring trees continue to grow and a bird family occupies it almost every year!

Light Time/Fight Time - Jessica M. Swift

Two glass sculpture works inspired by nature and photographic imagery.

Sentinel - Rob Lorenson

Contrasting industrial processes with natural patterns and textures, which energize the surface of the provocative piece, Sentinel is a guardian.

Skynet with Objects - Mike Helbing

A stainless steel structure and largely open work that graphs a celestial space.

First Gear - Rob Lorenson

A stainless steel work, reminiscent of the artist's experience in Chicago amidst the industrial vernacular where many machines are visible in transport, reflects Chicago's industrial heritage and presence.

Fighter - S. Thomas Scarff

A triumphant warrior expresses the sculptor's struggles.

Twin Fin Continuum - Bruce White

An organic bright red abstraction of a form evolving; curved topography.

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Activities

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Student Orientation & Pride Week Pics



During the second week of classes, PNC clubs and organizations participated in Club Call Out to recruit new members and show their presence on campus.

Pride Week also showcased live music by Dave Tamkin (upper right) and Scratch Trak, free lunch from Papa John's and Jimmy John's.

Also, organizations participated in an office decorating contest that was judged by the Student Government Association.

Student Orientation happened on Aug. 18. Many new students showed up and the PNC clubs/organizations were on hand to talk with them.



TRiO CLUB

Clothing Drive Donations Needed!

It's almost time for our bi-annual clothing drive.

TRiO CLUB will begin accepting gently used *winter* clothes donations starting September 17.

All sizes accepted!

Donations can be dropped off at LSF 63.

Happiness consists in giving and serving other.
- Henry Drummond



By Jonathan Sichtermann

dealers that make deals with gas station employees to sell fuel on the black market; this, along with other factors, raises the price of gas. It now costs 250 Iraqi dinar per liter, which is about \$3.50 per liter. As of September 4, 250 Iraqi dinar equals roughly 0.25 US dollar; one liter equals roughly 0.26 gallons. After doing the math, Iraqis pay almost four times the amount that we do for one gallon of gas.

Sports

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September 2007

PNC Women's Volleyball Team Loses Openers in NAIA Debut

The PNC Panthers began their first season as an intercollegiate volleyball program with losses to The University of St. Francis, Indiana Wesleyan and Taylor University. However, the lady Panthers were competitive in all three of their first 3-game matches, indicating that the step up from club-sport status should shortly be giving the ladies their share of wins.

On Aug. 28, the Panthers fell to St. Francis in three games by the score of 30-15, 30-16, 30-28. The PNC women competed closely and improved in each game against the long established varsity squad from Fort Wayne.

The Panthers were led in kills (16), digs (14), and aces (5) by Lindsay Anderson, a junior college transfer student from Springfield, Illinois and were led in assists by Angela Edwards, our returning sopho-

more setter. The PNC Panthers coaching staff was extremely pleased by the team's tenacity and determination against a well proven opponent.

In their second match Wednesday night, Aug. 29, at home (Michigan City, Marquette HS) against Indiana Wesleyan University, the Panthers fell in three games by the scores of 14-30, 18-30, and 15-30 to last year's Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) champions.

The Panthers were led by Lindsay Anderson with 14 kills, 12 digs, and 3 blocks and Angela Edwards with 14 assists. Magen Hogge had 7 kills for the Panthers and Sabrina Priajad had 9 digs.

On Sept. 4 the team lost a three-game match to Taylor University of Fort Wayne. The final scores were 18-30, 29-31, and 22-30.

The Panthers were competitive in each of the three games and led the way in most of game two until it slipped away at the end. Game three started with Taylor University pulling out to a nine-point lead. The Panthers continued to fight back and tied the score up at 19-19 before Taylor made one final push to end the game.

The PNC Panthers played great team defense and received solid contributions from everyone on the court. The Panthers were led in assists (24) by Angela Edwards, kills (14) by Lindsay Anderson, and aces (2) by Magen Hogge.

PNC travels to Aurora University for a two-day tournament, Sept. 7-8. The Panthers will match up against Manchester, Benedictine, St. Norbert, and St. Mary Universities.

2007-08 Panther Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Results	Record
8/28	University of St. Francis - Ft. Wayne	7 p.m.	Home	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-16, 30-28)	0-1
8/29	Indiana Wesleyan	7 p.m.	Home	L 3-0 (30-14, 30-17, 30-15)	0-2
9/4	Taylor University Fort Wayne	7 p.m.	Home	L 3-0 (30-18, 31-29, 30-22)	0-3
9/7-9/8	Aurora University Tournament	TBA	Aurora, IL		
9/15	Univ. of St. Francis - Ft. Wayne 3-Way	TBA	Fort Wayne, IN		
9/18	IU - Northwest	7 p.m.	Home		
9/20	Robert Morris College	7:30 p.m.	Chicago, IL		
9/21-9/22	Taylor Univ. Ft. Wayne Tournament	TBA	Fort Wayne, IN		
9/29	Lakeland College	1 p.m.	Chicago, IL		
	Concordia University	3 p.m.			
10/4	Illinois Institute of Technology	7 p.m.	Chicago, IL		
10/8	Taylor University Tournament	TBA	Upland, IN		
10/12	Indiana Wesleyan University	7 p.m.	Marion, IN		
10/18	Trinity International University	7:30 p.m.	Deerfield, IL		
10/20	Robert Morris College	1 p.m.	Home		
10/23	IU - Northwest	7 p.m.	Gary, IN		
10/26-10/27	University of Illinois-Springfield	TBA	Springfield, IL		
10/30	Manchester College	7 p.m.	Home		

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Pounce the Panther Stylin' After New Makeover



Height: 6'1"
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Hometown: Westville, IN

Pounce the Panther, the official PNC mascot since 2003, returns to the campus this year following a summer break that included a full-body makeover. The critter's sojourn to the spa included a pawdicure, full-fur style and blowout, and shiny new enamels for the fangs.

Check out Pounce's new "do" next time you see him greeting students and visitors and spreading PNC pride at athletic events, orientation, and various campus activities.

If you would like to request that PNC's Pounce the Panther make an appearance at your next event, please contact Jean-Ann Morton, ext. 5202, TECH 341, jmorton@pnc.edu.

Michael Vick Pleads Guilty

By Jesse Cartagena

Controversy has dominated the sports scene this year: the steroid related murder suicide of Chris Benoit and his wife and children, Tim Donaghy who is expected to be charged with giving information to gamblers about games, including ones in which Donaghy was the official, and of course Barry Bonds breaking the most important record in sports, possibly with the aid of steroids. Bonds has been investigated but not proven guilty of violating MLB's steroid policy. None of these stories though come close to the coverage that the Michael Vick case has received.

By now, anybody who includes Sportscenter in their daily routine or any news program knows that the first 10 to 15 minutes of the program will be about the proceedings in the Michael Vick dog-fighting case. Most recently, Vick pleaded guilty in a federal court and later the same day made a public apology to everyone from the Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank to the kids that idolize the Falcons quarterback.

Vick who was indicted by a federal grand jury on July 17 is

expected to receive between 1 to 5 years in prison. The 27-year-old Vick once owned the most popular jersey in the NFL, was the highest paid player in the league, and had endorsement deals with both Nike and Reebok. As of now, Vick has lost those endorsements and is suspended indefinitely by the NFL. Many forget that Vick does have a troubled past; just last season he was fined for making an obscene gesture toward fans after a game. This past January, Vick was stopped in an airport after security found marijuana in a compartment in his water bottle.

These sorts of actions cause one to wonder how an athlete's personal life is connected to his or her team. PNC sophomore Kevin Scott, one of the top starting pitchers on the Panther baseball team last season, believes that a team is a lot like family. "If you make bad decisions it will affect the whole team and can lead to the team falling apart."

Senior Adam Dobrzeniecki, SGA president and center for the PNC basketball team, points to the concepts a person learns while being part of a team, "The moral values

you're taught through sports and team unity is something that is always in the back of your mind. This includes the decision making process in the activities you're going to engage in so with that any decision made will not only affect the person individually, but the team itself."

Scott believes Vick's troubled past has contributed to the attention Vick has received and that it might be different if another athlete were caught in the same situation. "I think other athletes (like Peyton Manning or Donovan McNabb) would still be under the same circumstances pertaining to jail, but the media wouldn't be on them as much because they are not as edgy or controversial as Vick."

Dobrzeniecki, who led the Panthers in points per game last season, goes in a different direction stating, "I don't think Manning or McNabb would get less scrutiny than Vick simply because they have a clean slate and I think that would put even more scrutiny [on them] because everyone is familiar with them as good citizens."

2007 Purdue Football Schedule

Record: 1-0 (0-0 Big 10)

Date	Opponent	Time	Result
Sep. 1	at Toledo		W 52-24
Sep. 8	Eastern Illinois	12:00pm	
Sep. 15	Central Michigan	12:00pm	
Sep. 22	at Minnesota	9:00pm	
Sep. 29	Notre Dame	TBA	
Oct. 6	Ohio State	8:00pm	
Oct. 13	at Michigan	TBA	
Oct. 20	Iowa	TBA	
Oct. 27	Northwestern	12:00pm	
Nov. 3	at Penn State	TBA	
Nov. 10	Michigan State	TBA	
Nov. 17	at Indiana	TBA	

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SMOKING from front

ban. Courtney McGraw, freshman, thinks it's a great idea. "By all the entrances, it is crazy getting in and out because of all the people that are standing there smoking. It's so disgusting having to walk passed them and smell that. Eww," McGraw said.

An anonymous PNC professor stated that she believes that the smoking ban is not "an ultimately bad thing" and she feels that most people will be "sneaking out to their cars" anyways.

Please visit thepncvoice.com/message-board/smoking to post comments and read what others have to say about the smoking ban as well as other topics.

Indiana Campus Compact (ICC) has officially announced that it is now accepting student registrations for the ICC 15th Anniversary Film Contest. The contest committee, conducted in partnership with the Indianapolis International Film Festival, is asking for films that relate to service work being done by Indiana college students involved in their communities.

The winning film will premiere at the Indianapolis International Film Festival in May, 2008. The winning filmmakers will also receive all-access passes to events associated with the film festival, including workshops, film showings, and parties.

ICC encourages students to be creative in the films they produce. Submissions are not limited to documentary style. There is no minimum length, but ICC asks that the maximum be 20 minutes. The film can be broad or specifically focus on a single aspect of service. For example, filmmakers may choose to profile a family that has been helped by students.

Students interested in submitting a film for the contest must register by October 31 at www.indianacampuscompact.org no later than Jan. 1, 2008.

What Can You As a Student Do If You Believe That:

- o You have been discriminated against because of your race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran;
- o An advisor does not take your career and educational goals seriously because the advisor appears to believe them inappropriate for your sex, age, race, or because of a physical, mental or emotional disability;
- o A professor or staff person is pressuring you to participate in social and/or sexual activities.

Students often feel powerless in the situations described above, but there are people at Purdue University North Central who are willing to talk with you. Discrimination is not condoned by the University nor by the teaching profession. In some instances, it may occur out of ignorance or misunderstanding and need only to be brought to the attention of the person involved. In other instances, it may be considered unethical and subject to professional reprimand.

Who Can You Talk To?

Faculty, staff and administrators at Purdue University North Central are concerned about issues of equity and equality. While you may talk to anyone you feel comfortable with about these issues, the following individuals have agreed to be available to assist members of our campus community with information, advice and/or in filing a complaint. The primary Contact People as defined by our Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Discrimination and Harassment are: Ms. Patricia Carlisle, Mr. John Coggins and Ms. Sue Miller.

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Actions You Can Take

1. Tell Someone - The most important thing is not to keep your concerns to yourself. Tell a friend, a family member, a professor, an advisor, a counselor...anyone. But do discuss your concerns. Also jot down the date the incident occurred and a brief description of what happened. This information will be very important if you decide to take any other steps.

2. Talk to the Person - Carefully explain why you view the particular comment, joke, action or behavior, as offensive. Regard the meeting as a consciousness-raising session where you help the individual to understand how you feel.

Sometimes people aren't aware of how their remarks or actions affect someone else. Communicating your feelings to the person might be most helpful in avoiding such actions in the future. Be sure to prepare for the meeting ahead of time with documentation (e.g., class notes, tapes, specific comments on behavior) and a logical presentation. Present your objection objectively and rationally.

To get support for yourself, consider going to see the person with several other people. Discussing the issues with others in itself may help raise consciousness. You might also seek help from one of the persons listed in this section. Talking to someone before going to a professor or staff member may help you to prepare your presentation more objectively and rationally.

3. Write a Letter - Write a letter to the person documenting the incidents and explaining why they are offensive to you. If appropriate, state that you have not obtained results from previous discussion(s) and note the date(s) of the discussion(s). You may also wish to send a copy to the head of the person's department or unit and to one of the people listed above. Keep a copy of all correspondence, date of discussion(s) with summary of discussion(s), etc. Documentation is very important.

If you fail to receive a satisfactory answer from the staff member and/or department head, request a meeting with the two of them and take along an objective third party (a professor or one of the people listed in this section).

4. Don't Enroll in Classes That Are Discriminatory - If you are aware that a professor discriminates on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran, do not enroll in the class and make the professor and department aware of why you are choosing not to enroll. It is also very important to always give full support to professors who are fair and who treat students humanely regardless of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran. Make that professor known for these positive qualities. Recognition and appreciation of this professor will also be a consciousness-raising experience for others.

5. It May Be Necessary To File a Complaint - This is a very serious step and should not be undertaken without discussion and counsel with one of the persons listed in this section. To file a complaint, contact the Dean of Students, LSF 103, Ext. 5368.

Anti-Harassment Complaint Procedure

See Executive Memorandum No. C-33, September 16, 1994 and Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Discrimination and Harassment (revised May 3, 2004), EO/AA Web site: pnc.edu/cd/policy/index.html. Copies of Fostering Respect, Creating Community: Equal Opportunity at Purdue University which includes the relevant policies and procedures are available in the Dean of Students Office or EO/AA Office.

Purdue encourages persons who believe they have experienced or witnessed sexual, racial or other forms of harassment to seek assistance within the University.

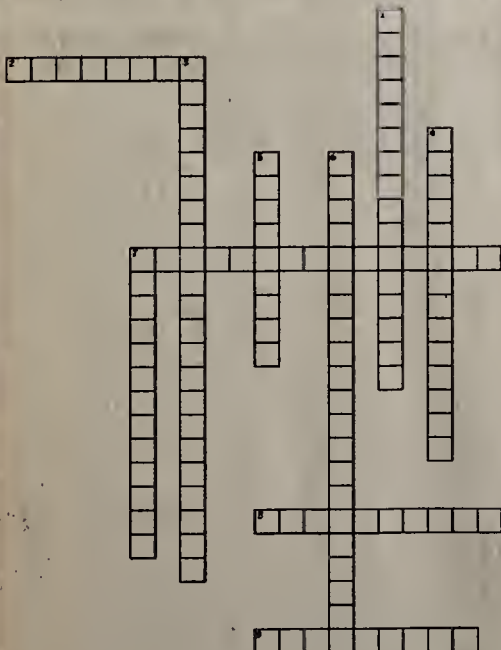
The University offers both informal and formal procedures for dealing with these issues. The difference between informal and formal procedures has nothing to do with the seriousness with which the University views your complaint. Purdue takes all complaints seriously. Rather, the main difference is in how the procedures work to resolve problems related to harassment. For example, informal procedures often provide the quickest way to resolve the problem. They also allow for a greater degree of confidentiality.

For further information or assistance, contact the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office (SWRZ 133B, Ext. 5241).

PNC Words to Know

Puzzle 2

Instructions: Complete the puzzle using the following terms/phrases: Student Photo ID, s.s. Tutors, DISCOVER, PNC Porter County, PNC Assessment, Deferment, Registrar's Office, Regional Campus Transfer, Part-time Student, Non-Traditional Student



Across

2. An online career skills test to offer guidance and information to help students make important career and educational decisions.
7. An off campus location in Valparaiso where classes are held.
8. This is a student who is enrolled for less than 12 credit hours per semester.
9. Peer tutors who provide free one-on-one or group tutoring in a variety of subjects for s.s. students.

Down

1. This refers to an office on a university or college campus whose staff is responsible for maintaining and transferring all records and information pertinent to a student's academic achievement.
3. This refers to a change of campus from a student's present campus to another within the Purdue University system.
4. A card that serves as proof of an individual's status with Purdue North Central.
5. The form you fill out in order to acknowledge that financial aid payment (loans or scholarships) will arrive to PNC by the first day of the semester.
6. This is a student who has been out of school five or more years, a student who is twenty-five years or older, a student who attends college part-time while holding a full-time or part-time job, a degreed student taking classes in pursuit of additional certifications or degrees, and a student who may have dependents such as children or elderly parents, etc.
7. This is a test offered to new students to assess the level of reading, English, and or math in order to assist college advisors/personnel to register student for the appropriate courses.

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Brownbag Series Begins with a Visit to Macchu Picchu

Purdue University North Central will present a Brownbag Series in the coming months, with PNC faculty, staff and community members leading programs that center on the topic of "diversity."

The seminars will vary in style and subject, but all will share the intent of presenting topics and issues that can contribute to the development of tolerant, inclusive campus and community cultural practices. Some presenters will feature short film clips or interactive pieces that will stimulate conversation and discussion, others will present ideas for open dialogue and sharing of views and experiences.

The Brownbag Series is coordinated by Bob Mellin, continuing lecturer of English.

The seminars will be presented from noon to 12:45 p.m., in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144. They are free and open to the public. Varying opinions are welcome. The first presenters of the Brownbag series:

Maria Ofelia Ziegenfus is a visiting assistant professor of Spanish and supervisor of the modern languages lab at PNC. A native of Peru, Ziegenfus was born in Iquitos, the capital city of the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest. Ziegenfus attended the Catholic University in Lima, capital of the country, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in administrative science.

She then moved to Mexico City and earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of the Americas. While attending the graduate school, she served as an assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Maria Ziegenfus lived for one year in Rome where she took the courses "Ancient Roman Civilization" and "Italian Arts and Crafts" at the Dante Alighieri Institute, discovering a true passion for the ancient civilizations, and native arts and crafts.

After returning to Peru, Ziegenfus knew she wanted to work for an academic institution. She headed a regional branch of the distinguished nation-wide Peruvian Institute of Business "IPAE" and taught business courses there.

In Lima, she served as the Director of the Continuing Education School of "CESCA," the Educational Institute of Management and Languages in Lima, and taught management courses and Spanish as a second language.

To develop her passion for the ancient civilizations and native arts and crafts, she attended a number of classes on Inca and pre-Inca cultures and Peruvian handicrafts in different cities of Peru. These included Cusco, archaeological capital of the Americas and homeland of one of the New Seven Wonders in the World, Machu Picchu, where she goes every year conducting tourist groups.

Ziegenfus has a large collection of Peruvian handicrafts from the three natural regions of Peru: the Coast, the Highlands, and the Amazon Rain Forest. Some are on display in the modern languages lab at PNC.

Professor Kathryn Miller has been teaching Spanish at PNC as a lecturer for nine years. She has a Basque-Irish background and has attended schools in Spain, Puerto Rico, and the United States. She earned her bachelor's degree in liberal arts, and a master's in languages studies from Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Fluent in seven languages, the multilingual Miller has served as a simultaneous interpreter in the United Nations and at international conferences in different countries.

Miller has also worked in public service interpretation as well as medical interpretation as a simultaneous and consecutive interpreter. Professor Miller has traveled extensively around the world. One of her favorite places is the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, Peru.

Dr. Kenneth Kincaid is an assistant professor of history in the department of social sciences. Kincaid did his doctorate work at the University of Kansas, and has taught there as a lecturer the last two years. His dissertation titled "Currents of Dissent: Water, Identity, and the State in North Ecuador, 1924-45" examines how native peoples sought to protect sacred bodies of water in the early twentieth century.

Currently, Dr. Kincaid is working with the Bruning Museum in Northern Peru on an ethno historical project that traces issues of identity amongst the communities neighboring the Moche and Sican pyramids.

Kincaid also has research experiences on Machu Picchu, the Inca citadel recently named as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

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September 30

Dr. Sherwin Nuland

Medicine in the Next 100 Years: Can We Still Age Gracefully and in Good Health?

Sponsored by The Bonkoff Endowment for the Forum

Physician, surgeon, teacher, medical historian and best selling author, Dr. Sherwin Nuland continues to enlighten and inspire audiences with his research, scholarship, philosophy and most importantly, his passion on the subject of living well and dying well. Dr. Nuland's extraordinarily successful book *How We Die* remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 34 weeks and won the National Book Award.

Books can be purchased and Dr. Nuland will sign copies after the program.

October 21

Dr. Steven Beering

Science in the Public Interest

Sponsored by Purdue University North Central

Dr. Steven Beering, former President of Purdue University, is the current Chairman of the National Science Board. He brings his unique perspective to audiences across the country, taking the complexities of scientific study and presenting their relationship with the interests of the public in understandable, and compelling terms.

November 11

Bruce Feiler

Who Speaks for God? Reclaiming Religion From the Extremists

From the front lines of the Middle East to the battle lines in Washington, the world is consumed by a struggle over religion. One of the leading writers of his generation, Bruce Feiler combines history, religion, adventure and personal discovery in his enormously popular presentations. His 2006 PBS mini-series was the most widely watched in that network's history and he has received critical acclaim for all seven books he has written.

Books can be purchased and Dr. Feiler will sign copies after the program.

December 2

Mary Cheney

Inside the Bubble: What Really Goes on Inside Presidential Campaigns

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Offering a unique perspective and the authority of having played a key role in two national elections, Mary Cheney pulls back the curtain and offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the high-intensity world of presidential politics and political campaigns. Controversial and outspoken, this best-selling author has been wowing standing room only audiences across the country.

Books can be purchased and Ms. Cheney will sign copies after the program.

NOTE: All programs will be held at the Elston Middle School, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City. All programs will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

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H.S. Students Receive PNC Scholarships

Chancellor James B. Dworkin has announced the winners of the 2007-2008 Chancellor's Leadership Award.

The students selected for the honor join a distinguished group of students who have a record of academic achievement and demonstrated leadership through involvement in school and community activities.

PNC Chancellor James Dworkin stated, "I am pleased that we can offer students this opportunity to enhance their leadership qualities. This effort will transfer into our local communities as our students graduate and assume leadership positions in their chosen fields of work."

Award criteria include school and community involvement and leadership, scholastic achievement and potential for participation and leadership in PNC extracurricular activities. Students earning leadership awards represent high schools throughout Northwest Indiana and were involved in a variety of clubs, activities, community and church organizations and sports.

The Chancellor's Leadership Award is a renewable scholarship program that requires participation in an on-campus leadership seminar and volunteer service, among other requirements. Several of the scholarships are sponsored through endowment funds created by local businesses and individuals.

Students earning the awards: Asbley Bartolac, Portage, a graduate of Portage High School.

Lauren Conley, Wanatah, a graduate of South Central High School.

Ryan Crowder, Valparaiso, a graduate of Morgan Township High School.

Stefanee Fogus, Michigan City, a graduate of Michigan City High School.

Jacob Havner, Porter, a graduate of Chesterton High School.

Brock Jarka, Rolling Prairie, a graduate of New Prairie High School.

Anthony Jones, Westville, a graduate of Westville High School.

Stephanie Kuziela, Westville, a graduate of Chesterton High School.

Trisha Laughlin, LaPorte, a graduate of Michigan City High School.

Leah Oman, Valparaiso, a graduate of Washington Township High School.

Megan E. Pollock, Hebron, a graduate of Hebron High School.

Ashley Salyer, North Judson, a graduate of North Judson High School.

Meghan Seapan, Tinley Park, Ill., a graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School.

Tim Slatton, Valparaiso, a graduate of Portage High School.

Kimberly Snyder, LaPorte, a graduate of LaPorte High School.

Kristina VanWadenburg, LaPorte, a graduate of New Prairie High School.

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Eight Named to Faculty Six Promoted to Full-time

PNC has new faculty members this year. Welcomed are Roy R. Fowles, associate professor of Social Work; David R. Hammontree, assistant professor of English Composition and Rhetoric; Susitha Karunaratne, continuing lecturer of Mathematics/Statistics; Kenneth R. Kincaid, assistant professor of History; Amanda Laudig, visiting assistant professor of English Composition; Vanessa S. Quinn, assistant professor of Biology; Christabel L. Rogalin, assistant professor of Sociology; Angela Schooley, visiting assistant professor of Nursing.

Also, a number of educators who served PNC as limited-term lecturers have been named to full-time faculty positions: Mitchell S. Alix, assistant professor of Biology; Karen J. Klosinski-Schooley, visiting assistant professor of Nursing; Jerome M. Mostek, continuing lecturer of Mathematics/Statistics/Physics; Nipul Patel, assistant professor of Computer & Information Technology; Suzanne Pellar, assistant professor of Nursing; Richard Panton, continuing lecturer of Business.



Daycare Services Benefits Faculty, Students, and Little Boilermakers

By April Hodge

PNC has a very useful program for the children of students or faculty and staff. It is the Little Boilermaker Child Care Center in LSF 135. While faculty, staff, and students attend classes, their children can be right on campus and engaging in learning of their own.

Marcia Shurr is the director of the Little Boilermakers Child Care. Shurr has scheduled very fun and educational activities every day for the children such as show and tell, art projects, alphabet work

Daycare hours:
M-Th 7:30 - 7
Fri. 7:30 - 3

Director Marcia Shurr 785-5242

sheets, and Spanish class.

Also planned are special activities surrounding the changing of the seasons and holidays. Pretty soon, the Little Boilermakers will be trick or treating around campus. Other

special activities are a Thanksgiving feast, lunch with Santa, a Valentine's Day party, Easter egg hunt, and a fiesta to celebrate all the Spanish words that they have learned all year.

Daycare hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. for toilet-trained children age two through seven.

For more information regarding the Little Boilermakers Child Care, please contact the director Marcia Shurr at 219-785-5242.

College Media Network Introduces New Facebook App.

Get The Voice on your Facebook page.

By April Hodge

Through a new application created by College Publisher, The Voice can now be applied directly to a Facebook page.

College Publisher supports the student newspaper's website. It released a new announcement Tues. stating "Facebook users can download the easy-to-use College Media Network Facebook App, that features the latest headlines from your paper on the Facebook newsfeed and your reader's profiles."

Since The Voice is a member of the College Publisher network, there is a way to put the online edition on your Facebook page.

It works by like any other Facebook application. Just search Facebook for College News, and then College News application. Afterwards, select Indiana, then The Voice and the headlines will immediately appear on your page.

Every time a new article is posted to the website, the appli-

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- September 19
- April has Football
- Lyndee Smith has high school April
- August 30
- Let's Reserving has



Snapshot from editor's Facebook page depicting the new College Media Network application.

cation automatically delivers the new stories straight to Facebook users' mini feeds and profiles.

If a Facebook user wants to read an article, make a comment, or email the story to a friend, simply click on the headline, and the paper pops up into a new window.

Not only is that easy to use,

but the newspaper receives a credit for the traffic.

Nicole Long, a freshman biology major, said that she would be interested in the application now that she knew about it. She thinks that it would be "amazing" that she could get PNC news directly onto her Facebook page.

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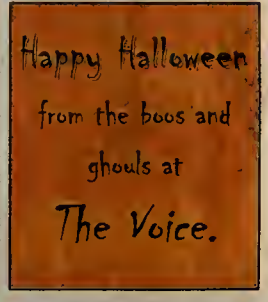
Sinai Forum
The 2007 season of the Sinai Forum Presented by Purdue University North Central will host former Purdue president Dr. Steven Beering on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Elston Middle School in Michigan City.

Books & Coffee Series to Begin
Books & Coffee series will begin with Director of Accreditation and Assessment Linda Duttlinger. She will be reviewing J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. The free event will be held in LSF 02 from noon-12:45 p.m. and is open to the public.

SGA Elects New Rep.
On Oct. 2 the SGA elected as a new representative, Christina Barden. Barden is a liberal arts major who plans on going to dental school. There were 8 nominees.

Spring 2008 Classes
Don't forget to contact your academic advisors to sign up for spring semester classes. Graduating seniors can sign up as early as Oct. 15.

Brownbag Lunch Series Continues
Brownbag lunch series continues on Oct. 17 at noon with the presentation "The Impact of Globalization on Higher Education" presented by Sarah Sanders Smith, assistant professor of OLS; Martha Garcia-Saenz, associate professor of Building Construction Mgt. Technology; Bijou Longhinos, from University College, Trivandrum City, Kerala, India. For more information contact Bob Mellin at bmellin@pnc.edu.



Commentary

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Editorial

Wanna hear something scary?

By April Hodge

With Halloween approaching, I thought I'd write about something scary, but I'm no longer very interested in blood-squirting, flesh-flinging films. In fact, I hate watching scary movies now that I'm the adult in the house. When I was younger, I watched all the Jason, Freddie, and Pinhead movies because I had my dad to protect me. Now I'm the protector and I tend to let my imagination get the best of me. I wake up at any little noise and have to investigate it. I'd surely be the first one dead in a horror movie.

All that blood and squishiness gets my stomach in knots. If I even think that a gross part is coming up, I have to close my eyes and turn my head. I just can't handle graphic violence. I'm more of a suspense thriller type.

But here's something for all of you who really want to be scared, and I don't mean Hollywood magic or horror fiction novels, I mean actual events, people, and facts that will make you throw down this newspaper and run away shrieking.

Read on - if you dare.

Did you know that if you sneeze too hard it is possible to fracture a rib, or if you try to suppress a sneeze, you may rupture a blood vessel in either your head or neck and die? Every time you've sneezed, you could've died.

Are you drinking bottled water right now? Almost one-third of all bottled water in the U.S. is contaminated with bacteria. You might want to boil it first.

The World Health Organization declares obesity as a global epidemic. Other global epidemics: SARS and HIV/AIDS.

Have you ever flown in an airplane? I'm not getting ready to quote death statistics. This is really gross, so prepare yourself. If the passenger who sat in your seat before you had serious gas, you are sitting on a cushion full of disease-causing microbes. Do the person after you a favor. Take some Beano before you fly.

Do you believe in extraterrestrials? The U.S. Government does. Title 14, section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which was implemented on July 16, 1969, states that it is illegal for U.S. citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrials or their vehicles.



Why would this be an issue if there weren't any aliens?

You want fries with that super-sized Coke and Big Mac? It will take you seven hours of constant walking to work it off. Along with that fact, one in every three children that was born in 2000 will develop Type 2 diabetes.

If someone projected Barbie's measurements into life size, they would be 39-23-33 and she would be seven feet two inches tall. She could have the starring role of the next Frankenstein movie: "The Mistress of Frankenstein" - Sexy. At a number totaling more than 180,000 - private contractors outnumber U.S. troops in Iraq.

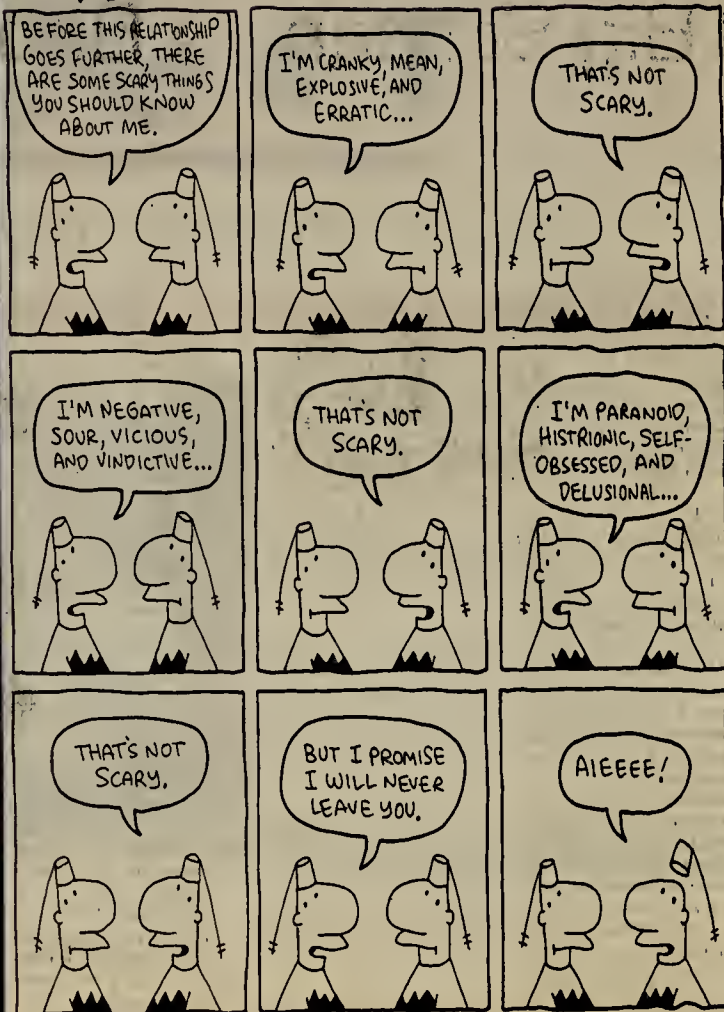
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Panther Pride or Panther Problem?

Dear Editor,

I am writing regarding the recent smoking ban announced at the Purdue North Central campus. I feel that some degree of clarity on this issue of second-hand smoke is needed. I realize few minds will change because the current climate believes smoking kills.

The cause for alarm regarding second-hand smoke began when the EPA announced, in 1993, that secondhand smoke is a "known human carcinogen." However, according to an article in the journal "Epidemiology," "...this result was criticized...for a number of reasons, including:

Epidemiologic studies are not generally capable of reliably identifying small relative risks (i.e., less than 2.0).

None of the 30 studies used quantitative exposure data. All the studies used "guesstimated" exposure data.

The relative risk of 1.19 was not statistically significant at the conventional 95 percent level.

EPA underestimated for the effect of smoking misclassification (i.e., the tendency for smokers to claim they are non-smokers)." (1998)

Furthermore, according to the American Council on Science and Health, "Secondhand smoke is annoying. It makes your clothes and hair stink and can ruin an otherwise delightful dining experience....The link between secondhand smoke and premature death, however, is a real stretch." (Dec. 2002).

The World Health Organization conducted a study of Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) and lung cancer in Europe in 1998 - one of the conclusions is, "Our results indicate no association between childhood exposure to ETS and lung cancer risk." (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/si>

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Children exposed to ETS in the home during childhood are 22% less likely to get lung cancer, according to this study.

A study published in the American Heart Association's journal "Circulation" entitled "Environmental Tobacco Smoke and Coronary Heart Disease in the American Cancer Society CPS-II Cohort" states, "We did not generally find an increase in CHD [coronary heart disease] risk associated with ETS exposure at work or in other settings." The U.S. study found increased risk in those who live with a smoker; however, the authors noted, "observed relative risks are small and could be due to confounding by unmeasured risk factors."

Good science rules out variables. For example, we do allow SUVs, diesel engines, and MACK trucks on campus, near our homes, and around our children. I won't get into the idea that as we ban smoking we need also ban backyard grills, bonfires, and diesel fuel - not to mention banning cars (which emit more carbon monoxide than my cigarette).

I'm sure anyone can find just as many studies indicating that second-hand smoke does cause lung cancer. Which side do we believe? If we go with the side of smoke causing cancer, then, on the same note as banning smoking for health reasons, I think we have to look at other known carcinogens around our campus. For example, photoresists, epoxy resin products, "cellosolve," TCE, methylene chloride, freon and other solvents can cause cancer after years of small, daily exposures. The latency period between toxic exposure and cancer can be as long as twenty years. (from [lawpage.com/article/ibm-cancer.shtml\) Does our air conditioning system here still use freon? If so, we will have to eliminate it. Does the heating system here emit carbon monoxide? It probably does, so it'll have to go.](http://consumer-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Direct correlations are very hard to prove. When we leap to conclusions, we call it junk science. But I attest that if what we are really worried about is getting cancer, then the folks who are concerned about public smoking would become vegetarian based on the higher risk of colo-rectal cancer associated with meat consumption (<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/293/2/172>). We would eliminate all meat products from the cafeteria, eliminate all carbon monoxide emissions from the campus, eliminate the freon, and eliminate all other potentially cancer-causing items from our PNC environment....right? But we're not going to do that - we are going to continue enjoying our air conditioning and serving "cancer-causing" hot dogs and hamburgers in the cafeteria, but not let anyone smoke. It's an inconsistent policy, particularly among those who are educators.

Beth Rudnick

Dear Editor,

There seems to be a lot of confusion among our students as to what the title "Professor" means. I think that this situation is due, in part, to the fact that

over half of our classes are taught by part-time instructors. Most of our part-timers are good teachers and we are very lucky to have the benefit of their knowledge, but they are not "professors." Please allow me to describe for you the difference between an instructor and a professor.

A "professor" is someone who has been hired as a full-time member of the faculty and who has a job title of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or (Full) Professor. All three are referred to simply as "Professor." Faculty members start out as Assistant Professors and are promoted to Associate Professors within six years if they maintain a strong record of publications. Professors who gain a national or international reputation by writing books or publishing cutting-edge research may be promoted to Full Professor after a while. Here at PNC, people do not get promoted unless they are also good teachers. Promotion carries with it tenure, which simply means that we have a long-term contract.

We also have some Clinical Professors, Visiting Professors and Continuing Lecturers. None of these three categories are members of the faculty and they all have year-by-year contracts. Likewise, our numerous part-time instructors are hired on a semester-by-semester basis. None of these part-time or annual contract people have responsibility for running our degree programs. While

Clinical and Visiting Professors might properly be referred to as "Professor," part-time instructors and continuing lecturers should not be called "Professor."

Let me share a few examples from the past year to illustrate how *The Voice* is using improper titles. Last year an article appeared describing a construction class that improperly referred to the part-time instructor as "Professor Sawa." Also, there was an article about one of our academic advisors who was called "Professor Rudnick." The back page of the most recent issue refers to part-time instructor Kathryn Miller

as "Professor." All three of these people are extremely good instructors, but they are not "Professors."

Figuring out if someone should be written as "Professor XYZ" is simple. Simply look at the PNC Directory on the website. Only people who are listed as "Assistant Professor" of WXYZ or "Associate Professor of WXYZ" or "Professor of WXYZ" should be called "Professor." All others should be addressed as "Mr. X" or Ms. Y." Christopher J. Smith Associate Professor & Program Coordinator of Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology

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Big Screen, Books & Bands

Video Review

By Jessica Ring

Zelda fans rejoice! "The Legend of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass" was released on Oct. 2 for the Nintendo DS, and it does not disappoint. The game features a Chibi-Link (the title character, for those not-in-the-know) previously seen in Gamecube's Wind Walker, and is in fact a sequel to the aforementioned title.

The game excels in utilizing the DS's avant-garde interactivity levels. Players find themselves, blowing on the microphone to extinguish candles, yelling at characters to attract attention, and controlling Link exclusively with the touch screen. However, it is important to remain out of sight of the general population while playing these in these areas, lest some unsuspecting passerby deems you as crazy.



Phantom Hourglass features sailing on the high seas, dungeon crawling, and a fair amount of puzzle-solving. The graphics are superb for a system as simple as the DS, comparable to the original Wind Walker. It is probably on the easy side for veteran gamers, but entirely fun and hopelessly addicting. Controlling Link exclusively on the stylus is initially awkward, but the learning curve is quick.

Overall, it is a fun, cute game that serves as an acceptable distraction from the horrors of midterms.

Book Review

By Jessica Ring

Post Secret, a compilation of homemade postcards bearing anonymous secrets, has been around for awhile.

Beginning as an art project for Washington D.C.'s Artomatic in 2004, the *Post Secret* phenomenon has blossomed as a vicarious way to explore the hidden lives of complete strangers. The project was then converted to a blog updated with fresh "secrets" weekly (postsecret.blogspot.com) and then to three best-selling published compilations by Frank Warren, the creator.

The newest compilation, *A Lifetime of Secrets*, has just hit bookstores. It is the same formula as the previous books, containing never-seen before secrets by anonymous people nationwide. However, the charm of the books is starting to fade.

The authenticity of the submitted postcards comes into question at this point, as many people may just want to make up the most outrageous "secret" to be featured in a book. Other postcards, however, are downright bland.

"I drink Grape Kool-Aid instead of coffee," hardly



wrenches a moving emotion from the reader. In *A Lifetime of Secrets*, Warren attempts to place postcards beginning from childhood secrets through adolescence and adulthood. He deems it a "loose chronological order" to effectively map out the human life.

Though the premise is slowly wearing thin, the allure of a book compiled with secrets is irresistible. Perhaps not worth purchasing, it is certainly good for a quick perusal through the bookstore.

Music Review

By Trilaina Sibo

After a few days of switching CDs, I got tired of one band after another. Krypteria was a welcome surprise. This band has a wide range of sounds.

The Korean-German band does everything from their signature Gregorian-style chants to driving rock rhythms, while still maintaining their unique sound.

The band, which is comprised of vocalist/pianist Ji-In, guitarist Chris, bassist Frank and drummer Cushy, blends classical elements with contemporary rock beats to create a sound uniquely their own.

To hear the entire range, "Victorium Speramus" is one of their classic chant-style songs, while "Scream" has much harder, faster beats.

Many of their other songs fall into a comfortable mediao. For more information on the band, as well as pictures



and media, visit the band's website at www.krypteria.de.

There is an option to translate it into English if you happen not to speak their language. You can also look them up on the ever-popular YouTube.com to bear and see them perform their songs.



South Shore Arts to Present Blockbuster "Peanuts" Exhibit

South Shore Arts is pleased to present its blockbuster exhibit, *Peanuts at Bat: The Art and Life of Charles M. Schulz*.

Organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, California, the exhibit will be presented at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Ind., from Nov. 8, 2007 through Jan. 27, 2008. South Shore Arts is the first Midwest stop on the exhibit's international tour.

A VIP preview reception will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m., with tickets priced at \$50 (\$45 for South Shore Arts members). Reservations are required, and can be made by contacting Shari Pettis at 219-836-1839, ext. 100. South Shore Arts is offering a free family day on Sunday, Nov. 11, from noon to 4 p.m. It is open to the public and will feature two readings by John Cain of "A Charlie Brown Christmas," at 1 and 3 p.m., and two cartooning workshops, at 2 and 2:30 p.m.

For nearly fifty years, Charles Monroe Schulz entertained audiences around the world with his *Peanuts* comic strip. Through his endearing characters, Schulz explored a broad range of emotions, from friendship and faith to tolerance and disappointment.

The exhibit will feature examples of more than 40 comic strips and preliminary sketches that follow the development of the characters that make up the unique world of *Peanuts*. The exhibit also includes quotes and photographs explaining the art of

Charles M. Schulz in his own words, a timeline of his life from his roots in Minnesota to his life in California, and select-



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ed *Peanuts* collectibles. Tear sheets of comic strips by prominent cartoonists who influenced Schulz as a young artist, including George Herriman (*Krazy Kat*), Milton Caniff (*Terry and the Pirates*), Billy DeBeck (*Barney Google*), and others, will reveal the contrast of Schulz's style to the elaborately illustrated cartoons popular during the early 20th century.

In addition, the exhibit will highlight some of Schulz's most memorable baseball-themed comic strips. Forty-three digital prints from the original Schulz drawings will be displayed, taking the visitor through five decades of the *Peanuts* gang engaged in America's favorite pastime. The gang's ill-fated baseball games were based, to a large extent, on *Peanuts* creator Charles M. Schulz's own childhood experiences playing sandlot baseball. Baseball was Schulz's favorite sport growing up, but he remembered losing a game once 40 to 0. This game, he said, gave him the idea for Charlie Brown's string of losses.

"Comic strips are an art form, a means of expressing an

Odyssey Series Welcomes PNC's First Artist-in-Residence

Holland's Greta Cune Exhibits 85 Pieces

PNC 2007-08 Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series will present the works of international artist Greta Cune in an exhibit in the PNC Odyssey Gallery. Cune will also give a lecture at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts. Both are free and open to the public.

Cune is the first international visiting artist-in-residence at PNC. She will be in the community for approximately one month. A resident of The Hague, Netherlands, her work has appeared in exhibits throughout the Netherlands and in Berlin, Paris, Mexico and

New York City.

Her show, "Organic Variations" will be featured in the Odyssey Gallery on the second floor of the Library-Student-Faculty Building from Oct. 12 through Dec. 14. The gallery is open Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This 85-piece show of two-dimensional works of art includes photography, graphics, paintings and some textiles. Cune's art links fantasy with reality, color images with black and white, paint, photography

and textiles to develop a variety of visuals.

She will also present the lecture, "How it is to be an Artist in The Hague," on Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W 2nd St., Michigan City. In her talk, Cune will take her audience from the Lubeznik Center to the other side of the ocean to the coast of the Netherlands and to The Hague.

The audience will be introduced to artists who have had a connection with The Hague such as VanGogh, Monet, Mesdag, Mondrian and some of

their work will be shown. She will also note some of today's young artists and the route they have taken to success.

The audience will get a feel for the local culture by taking a "walk" to different locations in the city. She will take a look at the cultural climate in The Hague, exhibits in the public domain, art education, the government sponsorship of the arts and museums in The Hague.

To obtain further information about these events or the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series, contact Judy Jacobi, PNC director of marketing at 800-872-1231, ext. 5593. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Carol Connelly at 800-872-1231 ext. 5267.

Odyssey Sculpture Exhibit Shows Nine New Sculptures

The Odyssey exhibit brings together nine new sculptures bringing a total of 31 sculptures to grace the 268 acre campus of PNC Westville and PNC - Porter County.

S. Thomas Scarff, in his ninth year as curator of the PNC Odyssey sculpture exhibits, remarks, "I am excited that in the ninth year we are expecting some dynamic pieces. Once again, the sculptors have provided us with a variety of works that are compelling and thought-provoking."

The Odyssey Cultural Series features a number of events throughout the year, including exhibits of art, film showings and presentations.

Exhibits of photography, paintings, mixed media and

small sculpture may be viewed in the Library Gallery located on the second floor of the LSF building. In exhibit are the works of Greta Cune, a visiting artist from The Hague, Netherlands, John Horwitz, Deb Landry and Donna Perdue and a variety of small pieces by Austin Collins, John Heory, Faheem Majeed, Eric Nordgulen, Scarff, Peter Smith-Phillips, Barry Tinsley, Bruce White and Michael Young.

Artists debuting works as part of Odyssey 2007-08 are John E. Bannon, *Universe*. A rotating life-size human figure covered with mirrors sits atop a radio tower. Red, green, and blue lights project onto the figure and reflect different symbols over the surrounding area.

Austin Collins, *Elevator Temple*. This is meant to invoke in the viewer a sense of sacred space, of retreating, of reflection and of the need to take active charge of his or her destiny.

Mike Dunbar, *Jendiva*. Fabricated from solid steel plate, *Jendiva* weighs nine tons. With only two of three contact points visible from most angles, the sculpture creates the illusion of animated levitation.

Isaac Duncan, *Cross This*. A stainless steel piece that challenges space and gravity. The sculptor uses grinding marks to subliminally guide the viewer up and around the piece.

Preston Jackson, *Haints + History*. A returning piece that is 25 feet of stainless steel and bronze presenting a lesson

about the hardships of several immigrant groups. The freed souls of the dead accompany a ship of Africans, Irish and Jews who, among others, suffered in their passage to America.

Preston Jackson, *Travels of My Seven Sisters*. The stories of the seven ravens center around a determined people who, no matter what the circumstances they find themselves in, continue to survive.

Jason Poteet, *Rumination*. A welded steel piece, painted orange. It is based on the spiritual ruminations of an unknown monk.

Christine Rojek, *Rubber Tipped Crane*. A wind activated, brushed aluminum and

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Campus News

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Krabbenhoft Appointed Dean of the College of Business



Dr. Alan G. Krabbenhoft

The Purdue University Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Dr. Alan G. Krabbenhoft as Dean of the College of Business and Professor of Business at PNCL. He was selected for the appointment after a national recruitment search. Dr. Krabbenhoft's appointment includes serving as the PNC Teddy Jacobi Faculty Scholar in Business.

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. Krabbenhoft has joined us at Purdue North Central," said PNC Chancellor James B. Dworkin. "He has a tremendous background as an educator and as a university administrator."

Purdue North Central is a growing University and Dr. Krabbenhoft is in a key position to help PNC move forward as we continue to serve the needs of our students and our surrounding communities."

As Dean of the College of Business, Krabbenhoft will lead the activities of the Department of Business, the Department of Organizational

Leadership and Supervision and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

Krabbenhoft comes to PNC from the Walter E. Heller College of Business Administration (WEHCBA) at Roosevelt University in Chicago, Ill., where he most recently served as Associate Dean and Program Chair of the Master of Science in International Business program.

His responsibilities included working with matters that included budgeting, operations, strategic planning, course scheduling, staffing, and accreditation. He also oversaw

the WEHCBA operations at the Roosevelt University's campus in Schaumburg, Illinois. Krabbenhoft developed and managed all aspects of WEHCBA's ongoing relationship between Roosevelt University and Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, England. As part of this relationship Dr. Krabbenhoft has led more than 80 students abroad to England and facilitated several faculty exchanges between the two schools.

In addition to his extensive administrative experience, Krabbenhoft has an excellent record as a professor and maintains a strong research record. He has authored and co-authored a number of articles and chapters that have been published in a number of books and professional publications. Krabbenhoft has been a featured presenter at meetings and conferences throughout the nation. He has also earned a number of grants to support various initiatives.

His awards include the WEHCBA Outstanding Leadership Award and the "In Praise of Teaching and Learning Award" for his work

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Scholarships for Nursing Awarded at Third Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner



Nursing 2000 North, Inc. held its Third Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner on Friday, September 21, 2007 at the Feast in Lakeville, Indiana. "Collaboration* Nursing* Synergy" was the focus of the presentation by the evening's keynote speaker, Dr. Brenda Cleary who has received a BSN and MSN from Indiana University and a PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas. Dr. Cleary is a noted lecturer and nurse consultant as well as holding the position of Executive Director of the North Carolina Center for Nursing.

The goal of this benefit was to increase nursing scholarships

to those entering nursing school or registered nurses advancing their degree. This year there were 24 scholarships awarded to students from our 6 counties and 10 affiliated schools of nursing in Northern Indiana. The scholarships were awarded to Cynthia Courtney, IUSB, BSN, Granger; Sara Dalrymple, Bethel College, BSN, Elkhart; Lori Diaz, Ivy Tech Northwest, ASN, Merrillville; Olga Duhe, Ancilla College, ASN, Indianapolis; Del Rea Good, Purdue University North Central, ASN, Portage; Lori Ann Grjalba, Goshen College, BSN, Goshen; Sunita Horvath, Ancilla College, ASN,

Plymouth; Amanda Kellogg, IUSB, BSN, Granger; Michelle Kiefer, Indiana University Northwest, BSN, Cedar Lake; Miriam Kiunga, IUSB, BSN, Mishawaka; Joel Koch, Valparaiso University, BSN, Crown Point; Regina Martinez, Purdue University Calumet, BSN, Hammond; Megan Myers, St. Mary's College, BSN, Crown Point; Andrea Nielsen, Goshen College, BSN, Plymouth; Stephanie Reeves, Ivy Tech Northwest, ASN, Portage; Jennifer Schele, Purdue University North

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PNC Students Help Raise Over \$16,000 for Spinal Cord Injury Walk

By April Hodge

On Oct. 29, two PNC students joined Kim Sloop, also a PNC student, to support the first annual Spinal Cord Injury Walk 2007. On a beautiful Saturday, PNC Senior Brett Parks (Elementary Education major), former PNC student Jen Ooms, and I took to the pavement at the Old Fairgrounds Park in Valparaiso, Ind. joining about 100 other supporters.

Kim Sloop, a spinal cord injury victim since birth, lasted the whole four laps on a three-quarter mile track, though she stated, "My arms feel like noodles." Sloop only needed a little bit of help near the end where Brett, Jen, and I took turns pushing her in her wheelchair.

After an enjoyable walk and jovial conversation, we all met up with Kim's dad and girlfriend to eat inside the Butterfield Pavilion where a live band was playing an eclectic array of classic rock and blues. There were grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, and

free water.

A silent auction was also set up inside the pavilion to raise funds for the walk and the Unite 2 Fight Paralysis foundation. Many booths from area hospitals and organizations attended and handed out free information including the Christopher and Dana Reeve foundation.

Many thanks to those who donated: Mary Spiess, Lisa from SPAN 301,

Heather Rittel, John Cates, Melissa Rodriguez, Jordan Ezell, Kendra Angelo, Jeff Edinger, Megan Vedo, Brett Parks, April Hodge, Emily Baughman, Emily Johnson, former PNC student Jennifer Ooms, and Patricia Carlisle

Altogether Kim Sloop raised almost \$900 adding to the overall total of \$16,000.

Kim wants to remind everyone, "Don't forget that I'll do this again next year and thanks to all who helped this year."



PNC student Kim Sloop

PNC Alumni and LaPorte County Judge Say Perspectives on U.S. Constitution Evolve with Age and Experience

By Kim Sloop
The day began with a presentation by the Honorable Judge William J. Boklund of the LaPorte County Superior Court. Boklund, a PNC alum and instructor.

Boklund discussed the history of the Constitution as a part of the law in his presentation titled "It's Not Your Grandfather's Constitution Anymore."

Boklund told the attentive

audience how his grandfather, an immigrant from Poland, was used to tell him about the Constitution. She spoke of the sedition laws and espionage laws that Boklund could have never imagined during his youth in the tumultuous 1960s and the 1970s.

Boklund's main message was that the Constitution is not some ancient piece of law, but it is ever-changing and evolving to correlate with the current sentiment of the laws and society.

The day continued with a Constitution Day quiz

sponsored by The Office of Student Activities. The quiz asked numerous questions dealing with all aspects of the Constitution. The winners of the quiz received a prize package including several DVDs and other goodies.

Constitution Day ended with a rousing presentation by Dr. Janusz Duzinkiewicz, Duzinkiewicz, associate professor of history, spoke on "Constitutionalism in the United States."

The Purdue North Central Women's Association (PNCWA)

will present its fall luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 20 in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144 on the Westville campus. The cost is \$16. The day begins at 11 a.m. with an Interest Group Fair and the luncheon and program begins at 11:35 a.m.

Topic for the luncheon is, "The Ties That Bind: How the Roles and Interpersonal Relationships of Women Shape and Define Society Then and Now" featuring Dr. Renu Juneja, associate provost and professor of English at Valparaiso University.

According to Juneja, "The notion of 'the ties that bind' invites a double perspective. On one hand, women have been described as more relational and less competitive and they have historically tended to honor relational ties. They feel bound by obligations of motherhood, sisterhood, and daughterhood. They are the traditional care givers and this has translated to career choices, at least until very recently, as nurses and teachers. A different perspective comes from viewing 'the ties that bind' as constrictive and restrictive as women have been more bound and chained by tradition and custom than men. In a world torn in so many ways, thinking about what holds us together is vital. In a world in which some form of female slavery continues thinking of what can break the bonds is equally vital."

Keeping the theme of "The Ties That Bind" luncheon attendees are invited to bring a favorite apron and share a family story about the women whose lives are woven into the fabric.

Reservations may be made by sending a check for \$16 to Angel Cable, PNCWA treasurer, 1401 S. Hwy. 421, Westville, IN 46391. Reservations are available for individuals and groups. Tables may be reserved for six to eight people. The reservation deadline for is Monday, Oct. 15.

Questions or special dietary needs may also be handled by contacting Cable at 785-5401 or acable@pnc.edu. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Cable.

TRiO CLUB

Clothing Drive Donations Needed!

It's time for our bi-annual clothing drive.

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Donations can be dropped off at LSF 63.

Happiness consists in giving and serving other.
- Henry Drummond

Students to Voice Opinions at Climate Change Conference

Congress to Address Climate Change This Month

By Jonathan Sichtermann

The past month has seen a flurry of activity by environmentalists and government officials addressing the issue of climate change. First the United Nations held a summit on the issue two weeks ago. At the same time, President Bush held a separate summit on Sept. 27. Then last week members of both houses of Congress announced plans to address the issue.

In the House, John Dingell, D-Mich. and Rick Boucher, D-Va. issued a report envisioning a reduction of carbon emissions of between 60 and 80 percent through a cap-and-trade system. The Senate is also developing their own plan authored by

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Washington, D.C.
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Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn. and John Wamer, R-Va. that aims to reduce emissions by 70 percent by 2050. These plans are based on the microeconomic principle of creating a market to deal with pollution. Through the use of such a system the government determines a "safe" amount of carbon emissions and then supplies companies in the economy with carbon credits equaling the acceptable amount. Companies are then free to buy and sell

these rights, as needed so that emissions are capped at the amount with as little harm to the economy as a whole.

The summits and Congressional debates are only the start of a three month period of activity aimed at tackling the climate change issue. In November, students from universities all across the nation will convene in College Park, Md., for Power Shift 07, a conference and work shop on global warming. In December international climate experts will meet in Bali to negotiate a replacement for the Kyoto Protocol which expires in 2012.

Stay tuned. The climate change issue is sure to heat up over the next three months.



United Nations Celebrates 62nd Anniversary in October

By Lyndsie Daikhi

The United Nations was founded in 1945 in San Francisco by 51 countries. The United Nations came into formal existence on October 24, 1945, when the Charter was ratified by China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and 46 other nations.

The organization's stated purpose was to increase international order and the use of law to prevent another world war. The U.N. Charter took nine weeks to perfect, and described the nations that were about to join in the endeavor as "small, weak, and strong, and in different stages of political and social development...determined to set up an organization which would preserve peace, advance justice, and constitute a permanent structure for international cooperation."

The anniversary of the

creation of the United Nations Charter on October 24, 1945, has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948. It has been marked

throughout the world with meetings, discussions, and exhibits on the achievements and goals of the UN. In 1971, the General Assembly recommended that all members of the UN observe it as a public holiday.

The resolution that passed stated the goal of U.N. Day: "October 24 shall hereafter be officially called United Nations Day, and shall be devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations,



and to gain their support for the work of the United Nations".

In 1956, the American Committee for the United Nations promoted the celebration of United Nations week stating that "the success of the United Nations in building world peace depends on all of us-on our one understanding and support; know how it works and what it is doing".

This year's events will focus on teaching people about HIV/AIDS.

Portions of Patriot Act Ruled Unconstitutional

By Jonathan Sichtermann

In a surprising turn of events, two federal courts ruled in consecutive weeks late in September that portions of the Patriot Act were unconstitutional. The most recent ruling, *Mayfield v. United States*, came from a U.S. District Court in Ore. where Judge Ann Aiken ruled in favor of the plaintiff

Brandon Mayfield, a Muslim convert who was erroneously linked with the 2004 terror attacks in Spain.

Mayfield sued the federal government on the grounds that the warrantless searches of his home and law office

were in direct violation of the Fourth Amendment's protection from unreasonable search and seizure. Judge

This ruling was certainly a blow to the executive branch and the Justice Department, but as Judge Akin said, "for

over 200 years, this nation has adhered to the rule of law - with unparalleled success. A shift to a nation based on extra-constitutional authority is prohibited, as well as ill-

"...for over 200 years, this nation has adhered to the rule of law" -
Federal District Court
Judge Ann Aiken

Akin agreed, saying the act "permits the executive branch of government to conduct surveillance and searches of American citizens without satisfying the probable cause requirements of the Fourth Amendment."

advised." It has been said many times and by many officials, but this ruling proves that the famous quote of English Judge Lord Edward Coke still rings true: "We are a nation of laws, not men."

The War on Terror Six Years On

By Jonathan Sichtermann

Everyone remembers where they were when the events of Sept. 11, 2001, occurred. The sixth anniversary of that horrific day has come and gone, and was marked by memorials and remembrances throughout the country. However another anniversary has just passed, but with much less acclaim. October 7 marked the sixth anniversary of the invasion of Afghanistan and the start of the War on Terror. With that date so recently passed, it is important to look at what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done.

Since 2001, governments in Afghanistan and Iraq have been toppled, Al Qaeda has been severely weakened (though it could be regaining strength), Libya has given up its WMDs, and agreements have been reached with North Korea over that nation's nuclear facilities. While the conflict in Iraq has become one of the main issues in next year's presidential election, the larger War on Terror seemingly has not. When

looking at each of the frontrunner's websites-Republican and Democrat alike-it is clear that these candidates support continuing the fight against terrorism albeit, with differing strategies. The War on Terror will continue in the administration of President Bush's successor, but where and in what capacity?

Much of the focus has dealt with Iran, but there seems to be another front opening up which has received considerably less attention: Africa.

In 2005 the United States launched the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership with the goal of combating radical Islam by providing military training to "friendly regimes" and distributing humanitarian aid to the African people. Part of the plan will establish a headquarters in Africa known as Africont. This plan is drawing criticism from European and African governments because the U.S. is working with governments such as Ethiopia with shady human-rights records. The theory

behind this plan is that by helping the African people and training their military today the US can prevent terrorist organizations from moving into the region.

When analyzing this strategy, it is important to note that there are two distinct aspects: military training and foreign aid. When looking to history, it becomes apparent that the United States has a poor track record in training and equipping "friendly" governments, as the examples of Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq suggest. When conducting this training, the government needs to keep in mind that today's friends might very well be tomorrow's enemies.

The other aspect of this plan is the foreign aid that will be sent to Africa. The United States has been extremely successful providing humanitarian aid. The best example of America's commitment to foreign aid occurred after World War II when the Marshall Plan

pumped much needed money (the equivalent of \$100 billion in today's dollars) into Western Europe. This helped to rebuild the infrastructure destroyed by the war and helped halt the spread of communism. Similar aid sent to Africa would go a long way toward building much needed infrastructure, and could potentially halt the spread of radical Islam.

Six years after the start of the War on Terror, it is important to remember what has been accomplished. It is even more crucial to remember what has yet to be achieved. While Iran will likely continue to occupy the headlines, there are other fronts that have hardly been addressed. The front in Africa is one of those.

It is obviously too early to determine if the next president will endorse this plan, but at some point Washington will have to address Africa in some fashion, whether with this plan or another.

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Panther Volleyball



Left to right, top row: Assistant Coach Scott Shrader, Leah Oman, Colleen Wall, Lindsey Anderson, Head Coach John Higgins. Middle row: Magen Hogge, Daisy Lee, Alissa Whitaker. Bottom Row: Angela Edwards, Sabrina Pradziad, Trisha Laughlin. Not shown: Shana Meyer.

Athletics Annual Golf Outing Success



9/26	University of St. Francis - Ft. Wayne	7 p.m.	Home	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-18, 30-28)	0-1
9/28	Indiana Wesleyan	7 p.m.	Home	L 3-0 (30-14, 30-17, 30-15)	0-2
9/4	Taylor University Fort Wayne	7 p.m.	Home	L 3-0 (30-18, 31-29, 30-22)	0-3
9/7-9/8	Aurora University Tournament Manchester College			L 3-0 (30-24, 30-22, 30-23)	0-4
9/7	Benedictine University	TBA	Aurora, IL	L 3-0 (30-21, 30-21, 30-13)	0-5
9/8	St. Norbert College			L 3-0 (30-12, 30-15, 30-30)	0-6
9/8	St. Mary College			W 3-0 (30-18, 30-16, 30-13)	1-6
9/15	Univ. of St. Francis - Ft. Wayne 3-Way Tournament Sierra Heights Aquinas College St. Francis University	TBA	Fort Wayne, IN	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-22, 30-11) L 3-0 (30-25, 30-21, 30-14) L 3-0 (30-17, 30-12, 30-12)	1-7 1-8 1-9
9/18	IU - Northwest	7 p.m.	Home	W 3-0 (30-11, 30-23, 30-13)	2-9
9/20	Robert Morris College	7:30 p.m.	Chicago, IL	L 3-0 (30-17, 30-28, 31-29)	2-10
9/21-9/22	Taylor Univ. (Ft. Wayne) Tournament Taylor University			L 3-1 (30-17, 30-11, 21-30, 30-23)	2-11
9/21	Concordia University (MN)	TBA	Fort Wayne, IN	L 3-0 (30-20, 30-30, 30-28)	2-12
9/22	Oakland College			L 3-1 (30-50, 30-27, 28-30, 30-23)	2-13
9/22	Oakland College			L 3-0 (30-28, 30-22, 30-19)	2-14
9/29	Concordia University (IL) 3-Way Lakeland College Concordia University	1 p.m. 3 p.m.	Chicago, IL	L 3-0 (30-21, 30-19, 30-17) L 3-0 (30-14, 30-23, 33-31)	2-15 2-16
10/4	Illinois Institute of Technology	7 p.m.	Chicago, IL	L 3-0 (30-24, 30-27, 30-14)	2-17
10/6	Taylor Univ. (Upland) Tournament Taylor University Ohio Dominican University	TBA	Upland, IN	L 3-0 (30-10, 30-17, 30-19) L 3-0 (30-14, 30-24, 30-28)	2-18 2-19
10/12	Indiana Wesleyan University	7 p.m.	Marion, IN		
10/16	Trinity International University	7:30 p.m.	Deerfield, IL		
10/20	Robert Morris College	1 p.m.	Home		
10/23	IU - Northwest	7 p.m.	Gary, IN		
10/26-10/27	University of Illinois-Springfield	TBA	Springfield, IL		
10/30	Manchester College	7 p.m.	Home		

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Record: 5-1 (1-1 Big 10)

Date	Opponent	Time (EST)	Result
Sep. 1	at Toledo		W 52-24
Sep. 8	Eastern Illinois	noon	W 52-6
Sep. 15	Central Michigan	noon	W 45-22
Sep. 22	at Minnesota	9:00pm	W 45-31
Sep. 29	Notre Dame		W 33-19
Oct. 6	Ohio State	8:00pm	L 23-7
Oct. 13	at Michigan	noon	
Oct. 20	Iowa	noon	
Oct. 27	Northwestern	noon	
Nov. 3	at Penn State	TBA	
Nov. 10	Michigan State	TBA	
Nov. 17	at Indiana	TBA	

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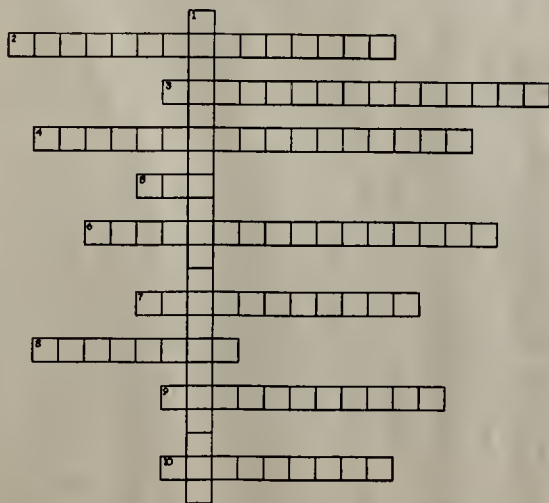
"Campus Life" - Lisa Rosenkranz



PNC Words to Know

Puzzle 3

Instructions: Complete the puzzle using the following terms/phrases: Matriculate, Lost Found, Pass Fail Options, Graduation Audit, My PNC Portal, Financial Aid Probation, GPA, Distance Education, Intramural Sports, Division



Across

- A procedure in which the student's academic record is examined to assure that all university obligations and academic requirements have been met for a degree.
- A grade option (P/N) to receive credit without impact on the GPA; cannot be a major course requirement.
- A method of educating that does not take place in a traditional classroom setting and is facilitated through electronic transmission such as online courses.
- This stands for Grade Point Average.
- Recreational sports played among students of the campus.
- This is a website allowing PNC personnel and students to gain access to SOLAR and WebCT, check email and view the latest calendar updates with one log-in.
- Courses may be divided into these, which may be offered at different times of day or different days of the week.
- To enroll as a member of a body at a college or university.
- Items left somewhere on campus by students, staff, and faculty are taken to the campus police station to be claimed (found).

Down

- When a student is at risk of losing financial aid, and different than academic probation, it is determined by a formula.

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in the classroom. Krabbenhof's past and present memberships and affiliations include the American Economic Association; Academy of Management; Midwest Academy of Management; Midwest Business Administration Association; Treasury Management Association of Chicago (Scholarship Committee) and the Financial Executives Institute.

Krabbenhof earned his Ph.D. and his master's degree, both in Economics, from Wayne State University in Detroit and holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Moorhead State University, (now Minnesota State University Moorhead).

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Scholarships from front

Ashley Watson, Westville, a graduate of Kouts High School.

Tracy Wylie, Star City, a graduate of North Judson High School.

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black rubber piece.

Bruce White, *Ghostship*. A composite of memories from childhood - a small airplane is "cut out" at top. It is inspired by the artist's memories of World War II.

Existing Odyssey pieces are John Adduci - Running Arch; Ron Gard - French Kiss; Michele Goldstrom - Oh!; Mike Helbing - Victory at Samothrac; John Henry - Star Pointer; Kara James - Handmade Revolution; Richard Kiebdaj - Chamber Muse Synesthesia; Dessa Kirk - Demeter; Rob Lorensen - First Gear; Sentinel; David Noguchi - Rise at PNC - Porter County; Eric Nordgulen - Anatomy Vessel; Fritz Olsen - Sunflower Family; S. Thomas Scarff - Geisha Rose, Rainbow Flyer; Light Ray, Indigo Flame, Eyepiece at PNC - Porter County; Jessica M. Swift - Light Time/Flight Time; Michael Young - A Point Free, Swoop; Zelda Werner - Alexander's Circus. Most works are for sale.

The Odyssey sculpture exhibit is open to the public during university hours. Visitors are encouraged to come on Thursdays and Fridays when parking is ample. Self-guided sculpture tour maps can be downloaded at www.pnc.edu/odyssey/flyer.pdf. Information on group tours is available by contacting Judy Jacobi, director of marketing at 785-5593. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Liz Bernel at ext. 5719.

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The Diamond Sponsors of this year's event were La Porte Regional Health System; Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Porter; Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

We also would like to recognize and thank all other level of sponsorship, in-kind donations and those that attended this year's event.

Please contact the Nursing 2000 North office at (219) 326-2344 for further information about the event, for future sponsorship, or to make a contribution to the Nursing Scholarship Fund. A \$1000 gift is able to create an honorary or memorial scholarship.

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idea of a great truth in an abbreviated space," Schulz noted in 1985. He was "master of the slight incident" and broke new ground for newspaper cartoons by using innovations such as Lucy's psychiatric booth, Linus' security blanket (a term Schulz coined), Snoopy's doghouse, and Schroeder's music. He profoundly influenced several generations of cartoonists with his spare graphic style and subtle sense of humor.

Schulz revolutionized the art of the comic strip through his single-handed dedication to the art, wit, and wisdom of Peanuts. For 50 years he researched, wrote, designed, and drew each Peanuts strip that appeared in daily and Sunday newspapers, producing nearly 18,000 strips. From the comic strip's humble beginnings in 1950, appearing in only seven newspapers, Peanuts' popularity and influence grew rapidly. By 2000, it was the most successful comic strip in newspaper history, appearing in over 40 languages, in 75 countries, in more than 2,600 newspapers, with over 355 million readers.

The strip and its characters were also the inspiration for nearly 50 television specials, two plays, four movies, a symphonic concerto, many books, and thousands of licensed products. Peanuts products became a billion dollar worldwide industry, and Schulz became

the highest paid, most widely read cartoonist in history.

South Shore Arts will supplement its Peanuts at Bat exhibit with a presentation of Cracker Jack memorabilia from the collection of Linda Farris, the niece of long-time South Shore Arts supporter Jack Dietrich, whose great-grandfather, F.W. Rueckheim, introduced Cracker Jack at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Mrs. Farris travels throughout the country, lecturing on Cracker Jack at conventions and she will do so at South Shore Arts at a date to be announced.

Free Education Opportunity

School groups are encouraged to visit the exhibit for a free docent-led tour and cartooning workshop. Teacher education packets are also available for groups prior to their tour. All other groups are welcome and discounts are available. Call Mary McClelland, Gallery Manager, at 219/836.1839, ext. 108, to schedule a tour.

Admission for the exhibit is \$3 for adults; \$1 for students and seniors; and children 5 & under are free. Gallery Hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday noon to 4 p.m. This exhibit has been organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum, Santa Rosa, Calif.

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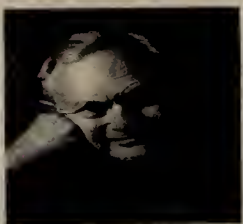
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Student Government Association Wins Annual Holiday Tree Decorating Contest

By April Hodge

PNC held the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony Nov. 26 outside LSF.

The tree lighting ceremony also involves a tree decorating contest where clubs and organizations can collaborate their ideas for the trees.

This year's winner was a group of three parties: Student Government Association, F.A.C.E. Committee, and Dean's Leadership Group.

The tree's theme was about supporting the troops. The tree was made

up of photos of service men and women in the Middle East. Items such as phone cards, paper, and candy, were put together into care packages for a troop that was recently deployed. Many of the photos on the tree are of those particular soldiers. Other photos are friends and family of the PNC community.

Carl Stambaugh, member of the SGA, stated in a phone interview with *The Voice* that the troops will receive their care packages before Dec. 25.

The SGA, F.A.C.E.,

and DLG also sent Christmas cards to the troops. They went around collecting signatures on the cards to add even more of a personal touch to the cards.

Active Voices, Student Education Association, ASL club, *The Voice*, Kappa Delta Pi, Tri Beta, and Alpha Sigma Lambda, all participated in the tree decorating contest.

Afterward, the campus was invited for holiday music and merriment in LSF. Once again, Wade Breitke tickled the ivories for everyone's enjoyment.



U.S. Army Sgt. Drupiewski, an Army recruiter located out of Michigan City, poses with the winning tree. The tree's theme was support for the troops, put together by the SGA, F.A.C.E., and DLG.

PNC BITS

Winter Dance

This year's semi-formal dance is called "Winter Wonderland." It will be held at The Legacy in Valparaiso at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14. There will be a DJ, food provided by Strongbow's, and cash bar.

Tickets have been available since Nov. 8. The prices are one ticket for \$10 and 2 tickets for \$15. To purchase tickets, please see any F.A.C.E. Committee member, Stacy O'Neal, or Gary Demski. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door.

For more information please contact Carl Stambaugh cstamb00@pnc.edu

Final Exams

The week of December 10 - 14 marks the end of semester and final exam week. Hope you studied.

December Grads

Graduation for the December graduates takes place on Dec. 14 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in LSF 144 sponsored by the PNC Alumni Association. For more information contact Karen Braddy at 219-785-5307.

PNC Women's Association and PNC Construction Club Complete Spring Valley Homeless Shelter Renovations

The PNC Women's Association and the PNC Construction Club have worked on preparing an apartment to welcome families needing temporary shelter.

The apartment was launched at an open house Nov. 25 in Valparaiso at the Spring Valley Shelter.

The Spring Valley Shelter is a part of Christian Community Action and has a partner program the Greenwich House, providing support to individuals and families who are struggling with various problems.

The Spring Valley Shelter was created in 1990 to address the "invisible" homelessness crisis in Porter County. It offers homeless households the dignity of a private bedroom and bathroom, a means to prepare their own meals, and an opportunity to preserve their family values, according to promotional materials distributed by the shelter.

The shelter provides a private room for each family, life skills classes, family therapy and counseling, child enrichment activities and tutoring, individualized budget training, helpful items towards gaining permanent housing, and weekly progress goal incentives.

Those involved in the undertaking: PNCWA. Members Judy Back,



Dorian Bush, Martha Garcia-Saenz, Suzanne Keldsen, Deb Kohler, Diane Manning, and Carol Richardson; PNC students and Construction Club members Nick Ayres, Bri Baker, Barry Campbell Jr., Brendan Fitzgerald, Brad Hommes, Matt Miniel, John Morley, and Jeff Paschen; PNC faculty member Tom Dobrowski; PNC Staff Member Jeff Crowe; PNC students and baseball players Jon Charlson and Mike Zolper; members of the community Eric Covault, Marissa Feliciano, Alison

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Also according to information, most of Porter

County's homeless households live "friend to friend" (staying with one friend of relative after another) which can divide the family among several locations.

They often must live with overcrowding, violence, or substance abuse because they have no other housing options. Usually these homeless households move frequently, making school attendance and maintaining employment difficult, if not impossible.

For more information concerning Spring Valley Shelter, please visit www.CCAPorterCounty.org

Happy Holidays
from
The Voice staff

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Editorial

Happy Hanakwanzaamas! How may I help you?

By April Hodge

The holiday season is upon us and the shoppers are out in droves. Since I began my shopping weeks ago, I'm actually on track to finish all of my shopping early. This has suddenly struck me as depressing because this year, I won't get to experience that last minute buying spree madness. I will miss out on trying to pick a decent gift out of the leftovers that the more time-oriented shoppers deemed as "boring" or "too ugly." Although, I have to say, my sister has become a great actor because of my previous holiday shopping procrastination, unless she actually did love that neon green and orange sweater I bought her last year.

Keeping with the shopping theme, I was hired on at DKNY Jeans at the Lighthouse Mall in Michigan City for the season to earn

extra moolah for presents. I'd never worked retail before. I compare working Black Friday for the first time to suddenly jumping into deep, frigid water to learn how to swim (with no arm floaties). I felt like I was drowning in designer clothing. After a couple of hours, however, I was keeping up and even started gaining confidence in my cashier skills, that was until a customer asked to use a coupon. Panic set in and wouldn't you know it, somehow whatever I did made the purchase equal an amount that would've widened the eyes of NASA's mathematicians. It certainly surprised the customer. After voiding out the items and eliminating four out of the seven-digit total (not including the decimal point), I began again and called over a more experienced cashier to do the coupon. Luckily I did eventu-

ally manage the coupon thing.

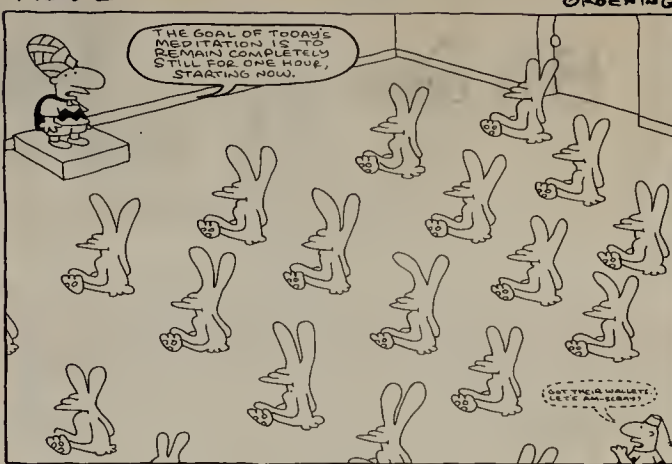
Holiday shopping can be very stressful. People spend a lot of money, stores can get crowded, and people can get grumpy. While enduring all of this, it's sometimes hard to remember that we go through this ritual to see those happy faces when they receive the gifts you so carefully chose for them. Or, at least those fabricated, yet extremely convincing happy faces receiving rejected articles.

Happy Holidays!



LIFE IN HELL

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Free Speech Should Not Protect Bigoted Baptists

By Andrew Wagner

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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis.- "Welcome, depraved sons and daughters of Adam." This is the welcome message of the Westboro Baptist Church's website. They are an organization that has been stirring up a boatload of controversy over the past 15 years. Unsurprisingly, given their controversial views, the church has started an important debate about the limits of freedom of speech, religion and assembly.

After the creation of the United States Constitution in 1787, James Madison and many of the other delegates at the Philadelphia Convention felt that the document lacked some important guarantees of civil liberties. Thus, in 1789 Mr. Madison developed 10 amendments to the Constitution that spelled out limits on the power of the government to regulate society. Today, Americans know these amendments as the Bill of Rights.

The First Amendment of the Constitution reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

If you go up to someone within the United States and ask them what the most important civil liberty is, chances are they'll say one that appears within the First Amendment, unless of course he or she is a card-carrying member of the NRA. The freedoms of speech, religion, assembly and redress form a core set of values that I personally believe make the United States and other democracies with the same values decent places to live. Thus, when I ran into the particular situation of the Westboro Baptist Church I initially wasn't quite sure what to think.

Many readers have probably heard of the Westboro Baptist Church. Founded in 1955, the church holds the view that the United States' toleration of homosexuals has turned God against our nation. Their particular view of the world concludes that everything from coal mine disasters to Hurricane Katrina result from God's punishment of the United States for toler-

ating homosexuality. Given that they have a relatively small congregation of around 100 members, under most circumstances they would have remained nothing more than another lunatic fringe group to be dismissed with a scoff and wave of the hand.

However, unlike many other fringe groups, the Westboro Baptist Church has been willing to do pretty much anything and everything to stay within the media spotlight. Fifteen years ago, the church started picketing AIDS benefits, diversity events and other events that include homosexuality on the agenda. While certainly reprehensible, the events that they picketed were generally public events. However, beginning in 1998, the Westboro Baptist Church hit upon a new idea. Instead of limiting their protests to events, they began to picket funerals as well.

Their inaugural funeral picketing was the funeral of Matthew Shepard in the fall of 1998. Since then they have continued their funeral picketing practices. Beginning in 2005, they began to picket the funerals of U.S. soldiers who were killed overseas. They continue to do it to this day. On their website, they have a list of protests through the next couple weeks. All but one of them will be occurring at the funeral of a U.S. soldier killed overseas in Iraq or Afghanistan as "God's punishment" for tolerating homosexuality.

When I first learned of what was happening at these funerals from press accounts and pictures of the protests, I was livid. The thought that these crazies would stoop low enough to do such a thing boggled my mind. My immediate reaction to the news was the thought that there should be a law against these protests. Whether the funeral is for a victim of a hate crime or a soldier who died overseas, sullying a funeral with protests seems to me to be the lowliest of acts.

I imagine that a large majority of Americans agree with my point of view. Yet, at the same time, the Constitution declares the freedom of speech and religion, and the government's inability to abridge that freedom. Just because most of the people in the United States abhor the actions of this small fringe group doesn't give them the right to take away their freedom of speech. Still, their actions seem so completely against any modicum of human

decency that I believe something must be done.

Funerals have a particularly strong emotional and spiritual component to them. Moreover, they are private events at heart. A funeral for a private citizen who is not a public figure usually only draws close friends and relatives of the deceased. The father of one fallen soldier sued the Westboro Baptist Church for invading his privacy at the funeral, as well as causing emotional abuse. I completely agree with this argument and find it a reasonable limitation of free speech. The civil court agreed with his argument and awarded \$10.9 million in damages.

Fred Phelps, the leader of the Westboro Baptist Church, has argued that denying his group the ability to conduct these protests via laws or lawsuits amounts to an infringement on their freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

In a case like this, we as Americans should be worried about setting a dangerous precedent, for restricting the freedoms of speech, religion and assembly. However, do not forget that there are already situational curbs on free speech. Breaching the peace or causing intentional emotional abuse through speech are both off-limits. The classic example is shouting "Fire!" in a crowded theater. Another example would be stirring up a crowd of people to start a riot or incite them to do some other illegal activity.

I believe the Westboro protests fall into this same category: a specific situation where it is completely appropriate to suspend freedom of speech. The important thing to remember with the laws against protests near funerals is that they affect everyone. No one can protest near them, whether I want to or the Westboro Baptist Church wants to. They are nondiscriminatory in that way and don't give preference to any particular view.

Freedom of speech, religion and assembly has limits. In the interests of protecting the families of deceased soldiers, victims of hate crimes, or any other death that the Westboro Baptist Church wants to celebrate, I have no problem with making it illegal for any group to protest outside a funeral. In certain targeted situations, I believe the state has the authority to take into account the overwhelming opinion of society and limit the harm that an extremist group can cause.

Panther Pride or Panther Problem?

Dear Editor,

I was writing this letter to the College of Business. I am currently trying to decide which classes to take next semester. When I got on Solar, I noticed Judge Boklund is teaching a class right now, but not one in the spring. I had him a couple semesters ago for business law and when I had him he told us about the classes he has taught out here. One of the classes he mentioned was "Law and the Movies." I was wondering if there is some way you could convince him to teach that again in the spring so I can take it. I talked to a number of students who have had him before and many of them would love to have him again. If at all possible, please try and convince him to come back in the spring.

Anonymous Student

Dear Editor,

I have a question. I was walking through the basement of LSF the other day and decided to stop in the lounge and wait for my class to start. It wasn't long before I noticed a strange, hairy man in a pirate shirt and multi-colored dreadlock hat asleep on the couch. Since a bunch of people sleep in there I didn't think too much of it, but then when I got up to go to class an hour later he hadn't moved so I went over to see if he was alright. When I asked him if he was ok he didn't respond or move. So I poked him. At this he growled at me like some sort of strange animal and waved his hand in the air as if he was trying to hit me. He then

growled again and rolled over so his back was facing me.

Concerned, I decided to ask again if he was alright. When I did he turned half-way over, growled again, said what sounded to be "Yarrrrp" and rolled back over. I knew I wouldn't get anywhere by asking him so I decided to go across the hall to the newspaper office to see if anyone in there had ever

seen him around campus. When I went in no one was there, but there were several pictures of him hanging on the wall with that same hat on (does he always wear that thing?). I was just wondering if he works there, and if anyone knows who he is. Did anyone else see him sleeping on the couch and was he alright?

Hector Lipor

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Big Screen, Books & Bands

Movie Review

By Andrew Beam

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(U-WIRE) PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. - Music can take you to a place far from this planet, lift you up so high that you'll never want to come back down. It can produce a natural high that some say no drug can compare to. It's a different kind of high.

Incubus' new compilation of tracks produces that natural high and paints visions through music. "Look Alive" is the band's latest DVD, containing performances from their most recent tour for "Light Grenades," and a 17 track CD accompanies it.

This collection of tracks is completely different from anything the band has put out on CD, but what else is expected from Incubus?

The band has never been able to be categorized in any certain genre, and that's exactly what music needs these days.

The album could not have had a better opening track than "Pathogens Born of Wormy Interludes." This song is over 11 minutes long and full of improvisation. In the beginning, you can the band discussing who is to start the song and how to follow it.

DJ Chris Kilmore starts off the track with a heavy synthesizer, while the rest of



the band in the background discusses how the rest of the song should go. Ben Kenney lays down a smooth bass line as Michael Einziger plays an eerie guitar line.

The song soon picks up with a full band when Brandon Boyd plays bongo drums and Jose Pasillas II plays a light drum beat. Einziger soon starts to have fun with his guitar effects halfway through the song, giving a very live sense to the track. "Beach Blanket Beatdown" is a funky song that makes you feel as though you're having fun in the sun with sand in between your toes.

Kilmore has certainly expanded his talents from just the turntable, as he plays the organ on this song.

There are some songs where the title explains exactly how the song should feel - "Midnight Swim" is certainly one of these tracks. The soft

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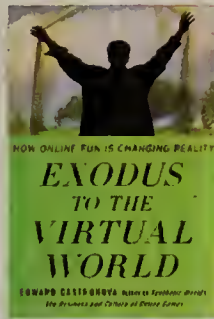
By Cameron Kelly-Johnson

Edward Castronova's newest book, *Exodus to the Virtual World*, takes an accessible look at the way online gaming in virtual worlds is bound to affect our physical world.

Castronova, an online gaming research veteran, has worked on several academic projects that help bridge the gap in information and understanding between the younger generation who play video games and the older generation who does not. *Exodus to the Virtual World's* 226 pages are enjoyable to read and they sum up almost everything this writer has ever wanted to say to someone who damned video games as the devil's work.

The preface, which characterizes the virtual world as neither negative nor positive, moves the book into both positive and negative aspects of this exodus from reality. Castronova provides a quick analysis of gaming online that a gamer, someone without gaming knowledge, or a policy maker can all appreciate by using enjoyable metaphors and language that never gets too academic.

Rather than taking the negative opinion that much of the older generation holds on gaming, Castronova makes an objective argument.



Solutions to real world problems are discussed and developed with enough proof behind them to make them feel truly feasible. The culture of having fun in the virtual world spills over to policy changes in the real world that push us towards the realization that sometimes you have to turn down a monetary reward to truly live.

As academic as it sounds, *Exodus to the Virtual World* is truly entertaining. Castronova gives the gaming culture some ammunition to throw back at the naysayers who have voiced negative opinions about video games since their beginning. It all ends with a quick reminder of how ill-informed policy makers are on the state of video games within society. A quick and enjoyable read, it is well worth the asking price.

Music Review

By Trilaina Sibio

There are only a few things on this planet that most of us hate more than walking into every store during the holiday season and hearing the same Christmas CD that's been played since the end of October. However, there is a high note.

Part-time musician Gregg Miner takes drab old Christmas music and manages to put together a folksy, fun-sounding mix of traditional and modern Christmas songs in a way that makes the sounds of the season enjoyable again.

Miner has played around with a variety of guitar styles, everything from classical, to jazz, to hard rock, before settling with the style he now has apparent in his.

Miner also experiments with not-so-mundane instruments, such as lutes and pedal harps, creating a unique sound, while still maintaining the beauty of the carols and the joy in more modern songs.

To listen to his unique sound, check out "Ukrainian Bell Carol" and "Angels We Have Heard on High" for the rich depth given to them by the stringed instruments, or "The Chipmunk Song" for songs that are sure to make you smile.

Songs are available on his Christmas collection CDs, and samples are online at the website minermusic.com.



New Film an Inspirational "Rush"

By Whitney Diaz

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(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. - "August Rush" is the inspirational story of a young, orphaned boy on a quest to find his birth parents - or to help his parents find him. Driven by his love of music, 11-year-old Evan Taylor, played by Freddie Highmore ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory") leaves his home at a New York state orphanage and makes his way to New York City, where he learns that he is a prolific musician.

Homeless and alone, Evan is looked after by Maxwell "Wizard" Wallace, a crazed, money-hungry, music-loving father figure played convincingly by Robin Williams. Aware that he has a gifted child in his midst, Wizard changes Evan's name to August Rush so the authorities will not identify him.

In a series of twists and turns, the boy finds himself living in a church, taking classes at the Juilliard School and composing an entire symphony played in Central Park.

Parallel to his story is the story of his parents:



an Irish guitarist played by Jonathan Rhys Meyers ("Match Point") and a young, world-renowned cellist played brilliantly by Keri Russell ("Mission Impossible III").

The two star-crossed lovers are separated after one magical night together rocks the course of their lives.

Sounds far-fetched, I know. But this charming, and often unbelievable, modern-day fairytale is a great movie for the

whole family. It stretches the imagination, and plants hope in the hearts of cynics.

Russell's moving performance as a mother in search of a son she thought was dead is worthy of critical acclaim.

Highmore is charismatic as the young protagonist, whose naive and optimistic attitude is sometimes over-the-top, but it's still compelling

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PNC Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) has granted approval to PNC for the College of Engineering and Technology to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. PNC students will have the opportunity to enroll in the classes for the upcoming spring semester of 2008.

Mechanical engineering is considered to be one of the broadest engineering disciplines. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the number of mechanical engineering positions is expected to increase by 11.2 percent through 2014.

Mechanical engineers apply the principles of physics for the analysis, design, manufacture and maintenance of mechanical systems used in the design and analysis of automobiles, aircraft, heating and cooling systems, industrial equipment and machinery, medical devices and more.

"We are proud that we can offer our students and future students the oppor-

tunity to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering," said PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin. "The Purdue University engineering program has an international reputation and the demand for a Purdue engineering degree is high. With the addition of this new degree, students now have 15 baccalaureate programs from which to choose and we will continue to look for new degrees that meet the needs of our local area and our students."

Currently four public universities in Indiana offer a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, with the largest enrollment being at the Purdue West Lafayette campus. The American Society of Engineering Education states that the West Lafayette engineering program is the third largest in the country and has awarded the most Mechanical Engineering degrees in the nation.

According to Dr. Larry Matthews, dean of the PNC College of

Engineering and Technology, "The work of mechanical engineers is vital to our local and national economies. Recent employment statistics show that mechanical engineering is one of the top 10 degrees in demand for industry."

The Purdue University School of Mechanical Engineering traces its roots directly to the Morrill Act of 1862 which specified that Purdue, as Indiana's land-grant university, offer an education in the "mechanic arts." Purdue Mechanical Engineering alumni include presidents of major universities, corporations and organizations as well as inventors, entrepreneurs and members of the National Academy of Engineering. They have served in the military and have walked in space.

Further information on the PNC Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering can be obtained by contacting the PNC College of Engineering and Technology 800-872-1231, ext. 5297.

PNC TRiO Club Donates Clothing To Students and Community

PNC TRiO Service Club distributed hundreds of pieces of clothing to students, their families and community members during its recent clothing give away.

In what has become an annual tradition on the PNC campus, TRiO club members, led by Joy Collmar, Rensselaer; Beth Maack, Valparaiso; Louissa Krol, Michigan City and Lisa Rosenkranz, Westville, collected clothing donations. They received new and near-new clothing for babies, children and adults. They estimate they received about 25 large bags of clothing. Rosenkranz stated, "I was really happy about the amount of clothes that we were able to collect."

After sorting the clothing, organizing it and putting it on display for

distribution, PNC students and community members in need of winter clothing were able to come in and pick up sweaters, jackets, pants, mittens, scarves and other winter items. Everything was free.

"Many of our students are working to support themselves and pay their own way through school. Many have children and families as well, so this event is essential to helping them get enough warm clothing to get through the winter," said Mary Lute-Brown, program coordinator for Student Support Services and the TRiO Service Club Advisor. "We are happy that our students, faculty and staff were so generous in their donations. We had enough clothing that students and community members could

select what they needed."

There were some items left and the TRiO Service Club partnered with the PNC Women's Association to make sure the remaining clothes went to good use. The Women's Association members saw to it that the items went to the Salvation Army Porter County and then directly to Project Angel Tree.

Throughout the year, TRiO Service Club members organize activities that provide assistance to those in need on campus and in the community. These activities include the clothing drive and fundraisers such as candy and flower sales. The proceeds from the sales fund scholarships for PNC students, as well as a humanitarian award for students who have displayed exceptional campus and community service.

Spring 2008 Classes Begin January 14

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PNC Honors Scholarship Winners and Donors

PNC recently honored a number of students who have been awarded a variety of scholarships and endowments for the 2007 - 2008 academic year. This was also an occasion for PNC to thank the individuals, businesses and organizations who have created scholarship funds and endowments and to introduce them to the students who will benefit from their generosity.

Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin told the group, "These donors are making a difference in this world. Each has made a commitment to giving - to Purdue North Central, to education and to the community."

The scholarship presented and the award winners: Dale Alsbaugh Fund (designated for students selected as chancellor's leaders on the PNC campus) Jonathan Sichtermann, Valparaiso.

Patricia C. Bednar Women's Softball Scholarship (for members of the PNC varsity women's softball team) Kathryn Golden, Schererville and Bethany Toyias, Schererville.

Lucille & Gayle Bluhm Scholarship Fund (supports students primarily in the School of Nursing at PNC) Rebecca Lynn Billings, Chesterton; Raquel E. Gryczewski, Cedar Lake; Taryn Ann Porter, Wheatfield; Jennifer Grace Schele, Valparaiso and Barbara Sue Von Huben, Valparaiso.

Valerie H. Brady Scholarship (an undergraduate merit scholarship for students in the PNC College of Engineering and Technology) Pleasant Gagaleski, Rolling Prairie. Virginia Mueleman Brelje Memorial

Scholarship (a merit-based scholarship for junior and senior English majors at PNC) Gregory Wellinski, La Porte.

Edwin F. and Elsie L. Buck Scholarship (a scholarship for students studying Communication at PNC) Katherine McVeigh, Portage.

Robert L. Carr Jr., Memorial Scholarship (supports undergraduate scholarships for PNC Nursing students) Kristen Krasek, Dyer.

Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship (for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders) Stephanie Warnke, Michigan City.

Patricia M. Daly Scholarship (for students majoring in Nursing at PNC) Michele Wood, Michigan City.

Duneland Health Council Scholarship (supports undergraduate scholarships for PNC Nursing students) Mark Condon, Michigan City; Tonya De Martinis, Michigan City; Mary Kennedy, Michigan City; Brandee Lee, Westville; Kelly Mc Kee, Michigan City; Lisa Nelson, Michigan City; Allie Novak, LaPorte; Kelli Seizys, Michigan City and Kari Parnell, La Porte.

Dworkin Family Scholarship (designated for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders) Erin Weber, Westville.

Family Express Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship (designated for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders) Trisha Laughlin, LaPorte and Timothy Slatton, Valparaiso.

First Trust Credit Union Chancellor's

Leadership Scholarship (designated for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders) Stephanie Kuziela, Westville.

Follett Higher Education Group Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship (designated for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders) Lauren Conley, Wanatah.

1st National Bank of Valparaiso Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship (designated for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders) Joshua Appel, Valparaiso and Austre' Medina, Valparaiso.

Michael J. Harrigan Memorial Scholarship (an undergraduate merit scholarship for PNC students) Jeannette Thomas, Westville.

Horizon Bank Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship - designated for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders - Jonathan Charlson, Valparaiso and LouAnn Tuttle, Michigan City.

Michael Kasper Memorial Scholarship (awarded to an undergraduate student of high academic standing who is studying Elementary Education and who will student teach during the following academic year) Kelly Harmon, Michigan City.

Sandra Calkins Kowalski Community Nursing Fund for Purdue University North Central (a scholarship for those pursuing an undergraduate nursing degree with emphasis on community nursing or public health) Kimberly Goodrich, La Porte.

La Porte Savings Bank Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship

(designated for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders) Kimberly Snyder, La Porte.

Lakeshore Public Television (an annual Nursing scholarship) Ann Therese Gielczyk, La Porte.

Barbara and Bernie Lootens Scholarship - support for continuing undergraduate students at PNC majoring in liberal arts or humanities - Jacquelyn Bustos, Valparaiso.

Russell R. McWhorter Scholarship - for PNC Business students who are residents of La Porte County - Daniel Timm, Kingsbury.

Ruth Mitnick Memorial Scholarship - for PNC Nursing students - Gloria Fredenburg, Michigan City; Maria Huizar, Michigan City and Jennifer Sewell, Michigan City.

Patrick J. and Jacqueline E. Mulchay Scholarship - for PNC undergraduate students majoring in Nursing or healthcare profession - Jessica Barrett, Portage.

Murdock/Woodard Scholarship Fund - awarded to students in the upper 10 percent of their graduating class - Tiffany Kedziora, Merrillville.

NIPSCO Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship - for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders - Ryan Crowder, Valparaiso.

Rowley Bushue & Company LLP Endowed Scholarship for Accounting Students - an annual scholarship for PNC undergraduate Accounting student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher - Megan Schumaker,

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Global Warming: The Conservatives Strike Back

By Jonathan Sichter

At last month's PowerShift 07 forum on global warming, attended by myself as part of a PNC delegation, the dangers of climate change were addressed extensively. However, when it came to possible solutions only one point of view was addressed, and many of the speeches came down to an "us" versus "them" mentality with "them" presumably being the Republican Party.

Contrary to popular belief, Republicans do have proposals for correcting the dangers of climate change. Unfortunately none of these opinions were addressed at the much-publicized event in November.

It is true that few in attendance at the conference would agree with conservative opinions, but as the great twentieth century Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said when defend-

ing free speech, "The best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market." On that note, it is time to let conservative opinions be voiced.

It is true that of the Republican presidential candidates, only John McCain directly addresses the environment and climate change. Most of the other front-runners address the issue indirectly by framing energy independence as a national security issue.

Candidates such as former governors Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee call for energy independence from foreign oil to reduce America's economic dependence on the Middle East. To offset foreign oil, Huckabee proposes switching to renewable sources of energy such as solar power in eight years (far ahead of many Democratic goals).

If the assumption that carbon emissions from oil

leads to climate change is believed, it does not matter if a candidate wants to end oil dependency because of environmental reasons or security reasons. The results will be the same.

"Granted, the research and development of clean energy technology would increase production costs for the corporation, but that is why conservatives want to offset that cost with a tax credit."

But how do conservatives propose ending our dependency on oil?

In his speech at Power Shift, Ralph Nader called for litigation to help rein in big corporations who were destroying the environment. This litigation combined with higher corporate taxes would in theory hurt large corporations and

force them into compliance with environmental protection laws.

Conservatives conscious of environmental issues, offer a different strategy for protecting the

environment. They look back to the great conservationist Theodore Roosevelt who wanted Americans to be good "stewards of the natural environment." Many, such as John McCain, want to see market forces used to bring a halt to environmental degradation.

Nader advocates

attacking large corporations and bringing them to justice. Conservatives in America argue that a more economically feasible method of controlling pollution is to use such things as tax credits to reward "green behavior." For instance, if a company invests research money into clean energy use or cuts its carbon emissions by a certain amount, that company could receive a tax credit.

Granted, the research

and development of clean energy technology would increase production costs for the corporation, but that is why conservatives want to offset that cost with a tax credit.

According to conservatives, the opposite is also true. Nader's litigation and tax hikes would increase the cost of production for firms, which would in turn reduce their profit margins. With lower profit margins and increased costs, firms would be less likely to invest in research for clean energy technology.

The movement to halt climate change and protect the natural environment has been described as one of the most pressing issues for this generation. If this is the case, it is imperative that all possible solutions be heard.

The intent of this article was not to advocate any particular candidate or position, but merely to present possible solutions that had been largely ignored up to this point.

Middle East Peace Talks Resume in Annapolis

By Lyndsie Daikhi

In an attempt to improve the image of the United States in the Middle East, President Bush sponsored a peace conference between Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Ehud Olmert in Annapolis at the United States Naval Academy.

Olmert and Abbas committed themselves to negotiating a peace treaty

by 2008, despite protests against the conference in Gaza. President Bush pledged that the United States would "monitor and judge the fulfillment of the commitment of both sides." The five page agreement created a "joint understanding" that aims to reach a final agreement by the end of 2008.

The agreement stated, "We agree to immediately launch good-faith bilateral negotiations in

order to conclude a peace treaty, resolving all outstanding issues, including all core issues without exception, as specified in previous agreements. We agree to engage in vigorous, ongoing and continuous negotiations, and shall make every effort to conclude an agreement before the end of 2008."

The peace conference ended with a date set to begin the intensive talks on Dec. 12.

US Aids Pakistan in Guarding Nuclear Arms

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Over the past six years, the Bush administration has spent almost \$100 million on highly classified program to help Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf secure the country's nuclear weapons. The aid package was hidden within the federal budget. The aid is used for the training of Pakistani personnel in the United States and in the construction of a nuclear security training center. Some money has also gone to aid in counterterrorism activities against the Taliban and al Qaeda.

The United States has not shared much information about nuclear weapons over the past three decades. In the early 1970s the government held a series of highly secretive discussions with French scientists to help

them improve warheads. Although there were legal prohibitions against nuclear sharing, such as the 1968 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the United States came up with a system to skirt around this ban. The system involved "negative guidance" in which American scientists would listen to French descriptions of warhead approaches and tell them whether they were on the right track.

Although the United States has provided such aid to Pakistan, the United States has not been allowed unrestricted access to assess the safety situation of the nuclear weapons in Pakistan. This has created a great deal of distrust between both parties. The Pakistani government believes that restricting American access to some locations will allow

them more control over their weapons. The Pakistani government believes this will prevent American-made technology from creeping into their arsenal. This way, the United States will not have the ability to stop their nuclear weapons program.

President Musharraf does not even admit to know the details of all the aspects of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, stating, "Frankly, I really don't know the details. This is an extremely sensitive matter in Pakistan. We don't allow any foreign intrusion in our facilities. But, at the same time, we guarantee that the custodial arrangements that we brought about and implemented are already the best in the world."

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President Dobbs? PNC Student Government Has One, Could America Have One Too?

By Jonathan Sichter

Next year at this time, Americans should know who the 44th president will be. Right now, there are still close to a dozen viable candidates in the running in the two major parties. Is there enough room in this crowded field for another big name to step into the ring?

Two separate sources seem to indicate CNN anchor Lou Dobbs is considering a presidential run as a third (or fourth) party candidate.

In most ordinary elections, the thought of a third party candidate winning is laughable, but this is no ordinary election. Many Americans despise Senator Clinton, the Democratic frontrunner, and are unsure of anyone in the Republican field. With the distinct possibi-

ty of both main parties choosing polarizing candidates with little crossover appeal, this would seem to be an election a third party candidate could win. This has led to speculation that New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg will launch a third party candidacy.

The story with Dobbs goes like this: If Bloomberg runs, Dobbs will do likewise as a fourth party candidate. His strategy would be to lump Bloomberg with the Democratic and Republican nominees (presumably Clinton and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani) as a group of wealthy individuals who have no knowledge of what it takes for everyday Americans to earn a living. He would present himself as the candidate for the middle class.

Though talk of a possible candidacy has been thrown about for months,

it has taken on new life recently with the release of his newest book, *Independent's Day*.

If he does indeed run, his campaign would likely ride on two issues: ending free-trade and ending illegal-immigration.

If Mayor Bloomberg and Mr. Dobbs do enter, 2008 will be one of the most memorable elections in the past century. Not since 1912 when Woodrow Wilson beat Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and Eugene Debs, have four such well-known people sought the presidency in the general election.

That notwithstanding, at this point it is just as likely that Mr. Dobbs will remain on the sidelines and try to influence the debates through his cable show.

Stay tuned. In this election, nothing is certain.

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Panthers Bank First Win with 71-63 Route of IIT



The Purdue North Central basketball team defeated the Illinois Institute of Technology 71-63 Wednesday, Nov. 28, in Michigan City. The Panthers moved to 1-7 overall while IIT dropped to 4-7.

Besides being the first win of the season for the Panthers, it was also the first career victory for new head coach Kris Schnatz.

The team jumped out to an early lead before the Scarlet Hawks rallied back

to make it 34-33 at the break.

In the second half the Panthers gradually pulled away behind some hot shooting and stifling defense to hang on for the victory.

Overall, PNC was 28 of 48 from the floor (58%), including 13 of 21 (62%) in the second half. IIT finished 21 of 55 (38%) and was just nine of 30 (30%) in the second half.

The Panthers were out-rebounded 31-22 but forced 17 turnovers while committing just 10.

Senior Terry Polk led the Panthers with 16 points and seven rebounds while Sylvester James added 14 points. Senior Brian Bogus contributed 12 points and junior Hugh Howard added a season high 12 points.

The Panthers play again when they travel to Central State University for the Central State Invitational and take on Wilberforce College on Friday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m. In the second game of the tournament PNC will compete against the host school on Saturday at 7 p.m.

IU Southeast In earlier action, the Panthers dropped a 97-76 decision to Indiana University Southeast

Saturday, Nov. 24, in New Albany, IN. The Panthers dropped to 0-7 while the Grenadiers improved to 3-2. PNC came out cold in the first half, connecting on just eight of 27 shots (30%) to fall behind 45-25 at halftime.

A strong second half by the Panthers rivaled their first match-up of the season when the Grenadiers won 75-74 in Michigan City. PNC was outscored 52-51 after the break but it was too late as IU Southeast cruised to the victory.

Depth proved to be a problem again for the Panthers as they were outscored 50-26 by the Grenadier's bench. IU Southeast also scored 24 points off of 24 Panther turnovers, including 11 Grenadier steals.

Senior Terry Polk led PNC with 19 points and five rebounds while senior Adam Dobrzeniecki added 18 points and eight rebounds. Junior Marlon Douglass poured in 16 points and picked up 10 rebounds while seniors Tyler Moore and Sylvester James added 10 points apiece for the Panthers.

Marian College PNC helped Marian College move to 4-0 with a 80-61 victory over Purdue

North Central Monday, Nov 20, in Indianapolis.

The Knights jumped out to a 13-6 lead early on at the 13:45 mark in the first half. After trading baskets for the next several minutes PNC completed a strong stretch to take a 22-21 lead with 7:36 to go. However, Marian exploded for a 20-6 run to take a 41-27 lead at the break.

Marian used an early second half streak to take control of the game at 56-27 with 15:27 remaining. But PNC made a late 10-2 run to close it to 69-54 with 5:37 remaining. The Knights responded by scoring the next eight points and never looked

back.

Seniors Adam Dobrzeniecki (12 points, 10 rebounds), Terry Polk (10 points) and Sylvester James (10 points) led the way for the Panthers.

Overall, Marian knocked down 29 of 55 attempts (53%), seven of 17 (41%) from three-point territory and 15 of 21 free throws (71%) while out-rebounding PNC 39-30. The Panthers connected on 23 of 56 from the floor (41%), three of eight three-pointers (38%) and 12 of 22 free throws (55%). The Panthers committed 17 turnovers but forced 22 by Marian.

At home on Monday, Nov. 15, the Panthers struggled against the 13th

ranked (NAIA, Division I) Prairie Stars of the University of Illinois at Springfield and fell 94-67. The game was close through the first 15 minutes before the Prairie Stars gradually pulled away for a 52-35 halftime lead. UIS outscored PNC in the second half 42-32 for the final margin.

UIS was an impressive 35 of 63 (56%) from the field overall and equally impressive from three point land at seven of 16 (44%). They knocked down 17 of 27 free throws and out-rebounded the Panthers 36-25 while col-

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Freshman Anthony Jones #5

2007-08 Panther Basketball Schedule - TBA

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Results	Record
Fri.	11/2	Mount Mercy College	7 p.m.	Cedar Rapids, IA	L, 87-53	0-1
Mon	11/5	IU Northwest	7 p.m.	Gary, IN	L, 84-76	0-2
Sat	11/10	IU Southeast	3 p.m.	Home	L, 75-74	0-3
Tue	11/13	St. Xavier University	7 p.m.	Chicago	L, 84-75	0-4
Thur	11/15	Univ. of Illinois Springfield	7 p.m.	Home	L, 84-67	0-5
Tue.	11/20	Marian College	7 p.m. (et)	Indianapolis, IN	L, 80-61	0-6
Sat.	11/24	IU Southeast	3 p.m. (et)	New Albany, IN	L, 97-76	0-7
Wed.	11/28	Illinois Institute of Technology	7:30 p.m.	Home	W, 71-63	1-7
Fri.	11/30	Central State University Tour, Wilberforce University	5 p.m.	Wilberforce, OH		
Sat.	12/1	Central State University Tour, Central State University	7 p.m.	Wilberforce, OH		
Thur	12/6	Moody Bible Institute	7 p.m.	Chicago		
Sat	12/8	Taylor University (Fort Wayne)	2 p.m.	Home		
Fri	12/21	East-West University	TBA	Chicago		
Sat	12/22	IU South Bend	3 p.m.	Home		
Fri-Sat	12/28-12/29	Hope College Tournament	TBA	Holland, MI		
Wed	1/8	Judson College	7 p.m.	Home		
Sat	1/12	Calumet College of St. Joseph	3 p.m.	Hammond, IN		

Senior Leaders



Inaugural Volleyball Season Ends Lady Panthers Look Forward To CCAC Competition Next Year

The PNC Volleyball team finished its inaugural season Oct. 29 in Michigan City with a hard-fought, three game loss to Manchester College (Ind.). The final scores were 28-30, 31-33, and 23-30. All three games were extremely competitive in which both teams staged multiple comebacks.

Lindsey Anderson led PNC with season high 26 Kills and 16 Digs. Magen Hogge added 12 Kills and eight digs and Angela Edwards had 39 assists. The Panthers finished 3-26 overall.

The prior weekend,

the Lady Panthers traveled to Springfield, Ill., to participate in the University of Illinois Springfield Tournament. The Panthers matched up against Park College, Grace College, and UIS.

According to Coach John Higgins, "While the Panthers may not have won any matches, they were competitive in all of their games."

PNC played against Park College in their first game of the tournament and lost in three games by the scores of 30-26, 30-17, 30-13. Lindsey Anderson led the Panthers with 21

digs and eight kills and Magen Hogge also added eight kills and an ace.

Saturday's first match was against Grace College and the Panthers lost by the scores of 30-25, 30-14, 30-24. Lindsey Anderson led the Panthers with 15 kills and 29 digs and Angela Edwards led the team with 31 assists and two aces.

Saturday's second match was against the University of Illinois Springfield. The Panthers lost to UIS by the scores of 30-18, 30-25, and 30-15. Magen Hogge had the

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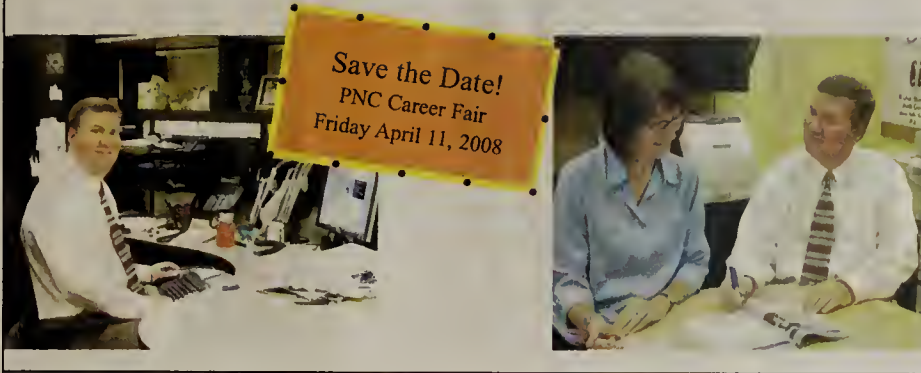


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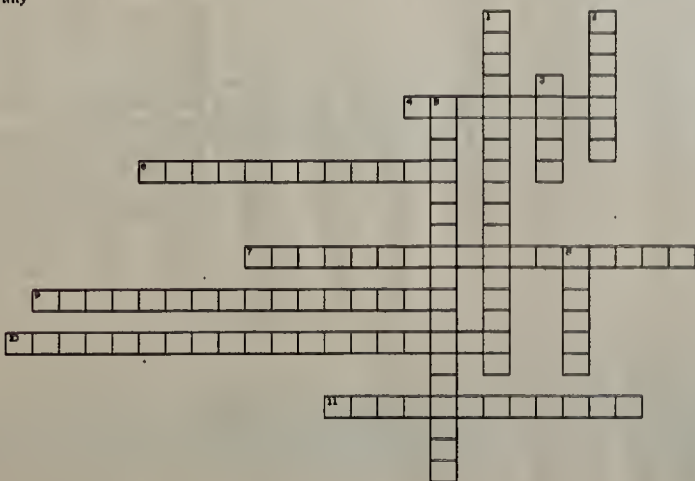
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PNC Words to Know

Puzzle 5

Instructions: Complete the puzzle using the following terms/phrases: Associate's Degree, Alumni, Academic Drop, Academic Deficiency, Baseball, Continuing Education, Academic Probation, FAFSA, Student Government, Financial Aid, Faculty



Across

- A male sports team who will be competing against other collegiate teams in the NAIA conference.
- Aid to assist paying for college which includes, loans, grants, scholarships and work study.
- After approximately one semester of poor academic performance, a student will be placed on this.
- A degree awarded after the successful completion of approximately 70 credit hours (typically attending full-time over a 2-year time frame).
- A program within the university that provides credit and non-credit courses which are often taken for personal, non-vocational enrichment or for specialized training.
- After approximately two semesters of poor academic performance (GPA), a student shall be academically dropped from the university for a minimum of one semester.

Down

- Elected by the student body and representing the student body on campus, with 10 members.
- Members of the teaching staff at a college or a university, which may include, but are not limited to, lecturers, instructors, professors, and full professors.
- The acronym for Free Application for Financial Aid.
- A student who lacks college preparatory courses to be admitted directly into a degree program.
- Students who have graduated with a college degree.

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Valparaiso.

Robert and Betty Jane Schwarz Scholarship - for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders - Maria Huizar, Michigan City.

Solid Waste District of La Porte County Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship - for PNC students selected as Chancellor's leaders - Jennifer Sewell, Michigan City.

Fran Suitor Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students - awarded to students who are sophomores or above with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Preference is given to non-traditional students - Tacy Fletcher, La Porte.

John Stanfield Scholarship - For PNC students majoring in English - Eric Westforth, Valparaiso.

Selena M. Taliaferro Memorial Scholarship - awarded to PNC undergraduates majoring in English - Amy McGarvey, La Porte.

Meredith and Helen Tom Scholarship - for PNC undergraduate Elementary Education majors - Devon Mulligan, Hebron.

Van Eekeren Family Scholarship - for PNC undergraduate students - Marlitha Williams, South Bend.

Dorothy Verdos Nursing Scholarship - supports undergraduate scholarships for PNC Nursing students - Kelly Mc Kee, Michigan City.

Women In Engineering Scholarship - for students in the PNC College of Engineering and Technology - Veronica C.

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highest hitting percentage for PNC while earning 13 kills. Lindsey Anderson also had 13 kills to go along with her 12 digs.

Earlier in the month of October, the team lost a hard fought three-game match to Trinity International University, Oct. 15, in Deerfield, Ill. by the scores of 31-29, 30-28, & 30-25.

In what Coach Higgins called "a real heartbreaker" the Panthers played great team defense but were not able to close out a game to earn the victory. Lindsey Anderson led the Panthers in Kills with 26 and Magen Hogge added 11. Angela Edwards spread the ball around the offense and added 33 assists.

Next year, in PNC's second season, the Panthers will compete in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

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lecting 25 assists and committing just 12 turnovers.

PNC finished a solid 27 of 60 from the floor (45%) but connected on just one of 11 three-pointers (9%) and made 12 of 19 free throws. The Panthers had 16 assists and committed 16 turnovers.

Senior Adam Dobrzynski led PNC with 15 points and eight rebounds while senior Terry Polk added 13 points and six rebounds. Junior Marlon Douglass contributed 11 points and five assists.

The Purdue North Central basketball team was defeated 84-75 by St. Xavier University Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Shannon Center in Chicago. The Panthers dropped to 0-4 overall while St. Xavier improved to 4-0.

SXU led 44-37 at the

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piano and organ produces a very deep-sea, aquatic feel.

"La La La Zoom Zoom" is one of the coolest elevator songs ever. A lounge style acoustic guitar is played, while a soft drum beat backs it.

A woman speaks in a foreign language during what can be considered the verse, along with an accompanying xylophone part.

Boyd shows off his ever-increasing percussion skills, where he solos on his djembe in the tribal-like "Dance In A Triangle."

In a more bizarre turn, "Cloudeater" is a very Middle Eastern-like jam, along with a backing tribal beat.

An instrumental version of "Here In My Room" is played by only a synthesizer and piano, but is certainly a treat for any Incubus fan.

This compilation of songs is something any die-hard Incubus fan would love to own, mainly because it shows the band in a completely different light than on their regular releases. That is just the genius of this band.

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enough to lead the movie down its inevitable and predictable path.

Terrence Howard ("Crasb") is underused as Evan Taylor's social worker, but almost steals the show.

The real award for excellence should go to the actual musicians in the film and the composer of the music in the final scene.

Composer Mark Mancina and the Hollywood Studio Symphony perform better than anyone else in the film, and the final scene and film's score brings "August Rush" to an emotional and enchanting conclusion.

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American officials fear that sharing certain technology would teach Pakistan too much about American weaponry.

Other American officials are confident that Pakistan's nuclear weapons are well secured. Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had this to say, "I don't see any indication right now that security of those weapons is in jeopardy, but clearly we are very watchful, as we should be."

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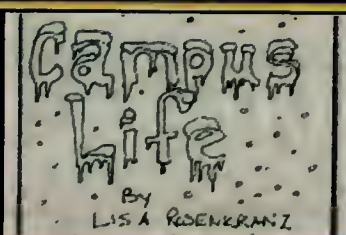
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Straight Talk and a Colossal Comeback

By Jonathan
Sichtermann

It was a night of comebacks and surprises in the New Hampshire primary election for both parties.

The vote count for the Democratic primary went on for hours after the final votes had been cast. When all was said and done, the voters of New Hampshire proved the pundits and prognosticators wrong. They had picked Illinois

Sen. Barack Obama to sail to victory by ten points over rival Sen. Hillary Clinton. The voters chose Sen. Clinton by approximately three points.

This comeback was simply remarkable. After his victory in Iowa, Obama received an enormous "bump" in the polls and seemingly had the victory sown up, but Clinton received a swell of support from New Hampshire residents who did not make up

their minds until Election Day. In her speech, she emphasized helping the middle class and ensuring that everyone had their shot at their dream. "Too many have been invisible for too long," Clinton said. "Well you are not invisible to me."

Hers was a remarkable comeback and now she must move on to other states in her attempt to "give America the kind of comeback that New Hampshire just gave me."

On the Republican side Sen. John McCain rode his "Straight Talk Express" to victory in the GOP primary for a second time. This time it was not as easy as in 2000 when he knocked off then-governor

George W. Bush. This time the Arizona Senator defeated former Mitt Romney, the former governor of neighboring Massachusetts who had enjoyed a considerable lead in New Hampshire for most of the summer and up until very recently.

McCain began victory speech by saying, "Tonight we sure showed what a comeback looks like." The general message of his speech was the same message as the one he has exhibited on the campaign trail thus far. It is one of uplifting patriotism, proclaiming the greatness that America has enjoyed and the greatness that is still to come. One line in his

speech that sums up his optimism borne of a life of patriotic sacrifice was that "I promise you, my friends, we face no enemy, no matter how cruel and no challenge, no matter how daunting, greater than the courage, patriotism and determination of Americans."

From here the candidates of both parties travel to Michigan in what is sure to be another closely contested election. Stay tuned: despite the attempts of some in the media to coronate the nominees of each party, only one-half of one percent of Americans have placed their votes. Nothing has been decided yet.

New Hampshire Debates Put Both Parties on Same Stage, If Not at Same Time

By Lyndsie Daikhi

The first debate that featured both the Republican and Democrat candidates was hosted by ABC News, Facebook, the social networking website, and WMRU an ABC affiliate. The debate was held at St. Anselm's College in Manchester New Hampshire.

The six leading Republican candidates, Sen. John McCain, former Sen. Fred Thompson, Rep. Ron Paul, former governor Mitt Romney, former governor Mike Huckabee, and former NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani, faced off in what the moderator Charles Gibson called a "dining room table" to discuss three topics for the first 45 minutes. The last part of the debate was left for asking the candidates specific questions.

The Republican debate was lively to say the least. Romney and Huckabee went at it over comments made about President Bush's foreign policy. Romney was also attacked by McCain over "amnesty" for illegal immigrants. McCain jabbed Romney when he said, "You can spend your entire fortune on ads but that does not make it true." Romney was the center of attacks by both Huckabee and McCain but his campaign felt that he did a good job handling their attacks, stating that the only reason Romney was

under attack was because he poses a huge threat to both Huckabee and McCain's campaigns.

Once the Republican portion of the debate was over, all of the presidential candidates were on the stage and shook hands and spoke to one another. As the audience was changed, the results of the live Facebook polls were discussed.

The main issue those polled wanted was more discussion about the U.S. economy. It was interesting to see the real-time responses received through Facebook during the debate.

The Democratic front-runners who participated in the debate were former senator John Edwards, Sen. Barack Obama, former governor Bill Richardson, and Sen. Hillary Clinton. They were to follow the same format as in the Republican debate.

The Democratic portion of the debate took an interesting turn when Edwards chose to align himself with Obama in order to attack Clinton. According to polls, ABC showed that the primary was a dead heat between Clinton and Obama, both of whom had 33 percent of votes and Edwards trailing a distant third place. It was

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New Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) has granted approval to Purdue University North Central for the College of Engineering and Technology to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. PNC students will have the opportunity to enroll in these bachelor's degree classes for the spring of 2008.

Mechanical engineering is considered to be one of the broadest engineering disciplines. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the number of mechanical engineering positions is expected to increase by 11.2 percent through 2014.

Mechanical engineers apply the principles of physics for the analysis, design, manufacture and maintenance of mechanical systems used in the design and analysis of automobiles, aircraft, heating and cooling systems, industrial equipment and machinery, medical devices and more.

"We are proud that we can offer our students and future students the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering," said PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin. "The Purdue University engineering program has an international reputation and the demand for a Purdue engineering degree is high. With the addition of this new degree, students now have 15 baccalaureate programs from which to choose and we will continue to look for new degrees that meet the needs of our local area and our students."

Currently four public universities in Indiana offer a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, with the largest enrollment being at the Purdue West Lafayette campus. The American Society of Engineering Education states that the West Lafayette engineering program is the third largest in the country and has awarded the most

Mechanical Engineering degrees in the nation.

According to Dr. Larryl Matthews, dean of the PNC College of Engineering and Technology, "The work of mechanical engineers is vital to our local and national economies. Recent employment statistics show that mechanical engineering is one of the top 10 degrees in demand for industry."

The Purdue University School of Mechanical Engineering traces its roots directly to the Morrill Act of 1862 which specified that Purdue, as Indiana's land-grant university, offer an education in the "mechanical arts."

Purdue Mechanical Engineering alumni include presidents of major universities, corporations and organizations as well as inventors, entrepreneurs and members of the National Academy of Engineering. They have served in the military and have walked in space.

PNC BITS

Books & Coffee

The Books & Coffee series continues on Feb. 13 with *Where's my jetpack?: A Guide to the Amazing Science Fiction Future that Never Arrived* written by Daniel H. Wilson and reviewed by Jeff Shires, assistant professor of Communication. The event takes place in LSF 02 from noon - 12:45.

PNC ASL Club Silent Coffee

PNC American Sign Language Club will host a Silent Coffee on Friday, Jan. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Espress Yourself, Ltd., 504 Lincolnway, Valparaiso. Contact Karen Donah, PNC continuing lecturer and Coordinator of American Sign Language, at 800-872-1231, ext. 5432 or kdonah@pnc.edu.

Blood drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive happens on Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in LSF 144. This drive will feature free pizza in and all donors will be entered into a region-wide drawing to win an HD TV valued at \$800. To sign up for an appointment, please e-mail soneal@pnc.edu.

Bake Sale

On Feb. 5, otherwise known as Fat Tuesday, there will be a bake sale from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The sale is located in two places on campus, Schwarz Hall and the Tech building. Bring extra money for all the goodies!

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Editorial

"We've only just begun."

A shout out to the senior freak outs!

By April Hodge

So a new semester has begun. Freshmen feel a little more comfortable, sophomores are bappy they're no longer freshmen, and juniors just want it to end! Seniors, like me, have something to look forward to -- the last semester.

Don't think that I'm bragging. I was looking forward to it, until it happened. Now I've realized all of the work I have to do just to graduate and then find a job. According to Mark Hannon, Director of the Office of Career Development (OCD), a job does not automatically come with your diploma. What?!! PNC does not provide me with this? Crap! Now what? Freak out!

Here are some choices that I've considered. I could continue with my education and go on for a master's, but I've read that I should've started this process about a year ago. Scratch that.

I could be a stay-at-home mom. Many mothers do this, have done this, and will continue to do this. Though extremely important, it's a thankless job, but so are so many others (like instructing college students?). Unfortunately, staying at home doesn't pay as well as being a professor.

I could just take some time off and do some traveling, but I have no money. Homeless people have no money. I could do that. Hmmm. I need a job. That's the whole reason I

have spent these past years at PNC, right? So hi-ho, hi-ho, it's off to work I go [whistling].

In order to find a job, I've already searched and plastered my resume into every job database I could find. I've used the OCD's job listing website and have signed up for two upcoming job fairs. Is this enough? I feel lost. I don't want to be that person who, after obtaining a degree, has not yet found a good job a year later.

Doom! Woe is me! Ob, the humanity!

Joking. I'm actually at least a little confident that I'll find something. I basically have been participating in an internship for the past two years here at the newspaper. I've been networking with other publishers, advertisers, and managers in my career field. I've learned publishing software, managerial skills, and other useful "real" job type stuff (like great communication skills?). I'm hoping that my degree coupled with the two years of editor experience I've acquired will land me a decent job. In fact, I'm banking on it.

For the last-semester-seniors who are freaking out, there is help on campus. Don't face it alone! This may be a shameless plug for the Office of Career Development (located in the Dean of Students office in the LSF building, phone number 785-5230), but I know that



Carol Kurmis or Mark Hannon will be happy to help.

So, order your caps and gowns and fantasize about the day when we get to stand in front of campus to have our picture taken while passing motorists honk their horns as we fling our caps into the air to have the essence of the moment captured forever! Perhaps while trying to find your own cap again, you may look up at the sculpture called "Running Arch" and smile because you think it looks more like a graduate's cap that has acquired strong legs and is running away from campus as fast as it can. Maybe it found a great job.

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The audacity of hope

By Kevin Molduene

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At 8 p.m., Jan. 3 you couldn't pry me away from the several media sources I had streaming into my living room displaying minute-by-minute results of the Iowa Democratic caucuses. I had never seen a caucus before (even though our own state uses this method of nominating candidates) and was amazed by the process. The voting members go into a room, then go to the corner of the candidate they support. A count is taken and any member with less than 15 percent of the available votes does not move forward, their supporters can then leave or vote for a new candidate. The process is public and informed. You really have to love your candidate in order to stand

up and say they are the best one for the job, to a public audience. Watching a live feed of a Des Moines caucus in my living room, I saw something amazing. Barack Obama was winning.

And so it was, not only did Obama surpass every poll that showed him tied with Hillary Clinton, his supporters gave him a whopping nine point advantage. And, with whom did Obama's surprising support originate? College students.

In a state well-known for its love of corn and little else, the siblings of Generation X showed up for the caucus en masse. This migration of student youth to Obama, was not

only surprising for a state that, as of 2004, voted for President Bush, but for the Democrats who voted in record numbers, out-voting their Republican counterparts 2-1.

So why did the youth support the African-

So why did the youth support the African-American candidate with the unusual name?

American candidate with the unusual name? What was so appealing about a guy with little national experience, one who is so full of hope, that it begs of naivete? Listen to Obama speak. Listen to how Obama talks about unity, and change, and pride, and civility. Many pundits say that when Obama speaks, it is reminiscent of Sen. Bobby Kennedy.

I think he sounds more

like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. And it is not just the color of Obama's skin that lends to this comparison. Obama speaks of a common life because he has lived one, he is not an elitist, he is not part of the "beltway politicians," he is part of the American Dream. The dream that says anyone can rise to the challenge, and if they are qualified, if they can inspire, if they can lead, they can become our president. And this message has resonated with a majority of voters.

As you are reading this, a primary in New Hampshire will have taken place and a new candidate may have emerged. But I ask you to take heed of the lesson taught to us by the youth in Iowa. We have the power. We really can make a difference, we really can overcome and we really should never abandon hope nor disregard those who inspire it in us and others.

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Panther Pride or Panther Problem?

Dear Reader,

This section of the newspaper is reserved for the letters to the editor. We didn't get any for this issue. Not surprising.

We had winter break and who wants to think about school then? Also, the newspaper normally doesn't receive a lot of letters. Our average is two a month. These letters, for the

most part, are more along the lines of "Panther Problem" (see headline). What I'm taking the time to say here is that we need more "Panther Pride" submissions.

They say that humans normally focus and remember the negative, instead of the positive. Let's get in some positives. I think that this might be an easy accomplishment.

The holiday spirit is still lingering and a new

year is upon us. With all the promises of change surrounding us, why don't we change a little too and say something positive about our campus?

So drop us an email, call us on the phone, or use the website, and let everyone know why we should have pride in PNC.

Sincerely,

Your Editor



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Big Screen, Books & Bands

Movie Review

By Jessica Ring

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is yet another Tim Burton/Johnny Depp collaboration that's practically formulaic in its uniqueness. Based on the hit Broadway musical of the same name, Burton's "Sweeney Todd" details the story of a Victorian barber wronged by the loss of his family, then sent away to the then-colonized Australia.

Upon his return, Todd naturally has a mind for vengeance, and his landlord, Mrs. Lovett (as played by Helena Bonham Carter), enters an unusual partnership with Todd. I don't want to provide any spoilers here, but their "agreement" centers largely on Todd killing victims and Mrs. Lovett owning a meat-pie business.

The entire atmosphere of the film is overwhelmingly entrenched with Burtonism, a dingy, grey realm spattered with garish



moments of circus-like color. The set depicts a grim, grey Victorian England and creates a mood that is, in no better terms, creepy.

For those not yet convinced, the opportunity to see Johnny Depp singing is an interesting one as well. (Well, that may deter some people, but I assure you, it's really not bad.)

Sweeney Todd is a one-of-a-kind classic, the type of which Burton appears to crank out effortlessly, and it certainly does not disappoint.

Book Review

By Jessica Ring

"I Am America (And So Can You!)" by Steven Colbert, is a satirical literary extension of "The Colbert Report," his Comedy Central TV show. With the usual politicians making the rounds at crucial primaries (Iowa, seriously), Colbert's book may be a thing that prevents one's brain from imploding.

Steven Colbert was originally a correspondent for "The Daily Show," hosted by Jon Stewart, but since being given his own show, Colbert's popularity has skyrocketed. His propensity to make up words (truthiness, wikiality) and the persona of a staunch, Bill O'Reilly-type pundit, leaves a sting of political sharpness within the arbitrary antics.

According to "Publishers Weekly," the book (a bit similar to "America," authored by Jon Stewart a couple of



years ago) aims to "take on the forces aligned to destroy our country—whether they be terrorists, environmentalists, or Kashi brand breakfast cereals." Also like "America," the book is chock-full of helpful illustrations and other random bits of ridiculousness.

"I Am America (And So Can You!)" is a hilarious read for those not so deeply entrenched in the political warfare as to not see the irony in everyday politics.

Music Review

By Trilaina Sibo

Sometimes bands resemble one another more often than they would care to admit, as is the case with Within Temptation.

Thinking I was clicking on a new Evanescence song, I was surprised when the voice coming from the speakers was not Amy Lee, but Dutch singer, Sharon Den Adel. The band sounds quite a bit like Evanescence, but the vocal range is more on the high side, with more defiant lyrics. The music ranges from gothic chorals to impassioned yelling, a remiss that would not be a sound on a movie soundtrack, or the game they helped to create, "The Chronicles of Spellborn."

The band started about ten years ago and began achieving success while the band members were still in college. After taking time off to finish their educations, the band



restarted their musical career in 2000, touring European festivals and releasing several albums.

More details about the band can be found on their website within-temptation.com. The website has links to their online game, as well as extras for people that have purchased their album "The Heart of Everything." Music is readily available on YouTube.com, with songs like "Stand My Ground" and "The Howling."

Game Review

By Lisa Rosenkranz

A few years ago, a game came out called "Guitar Hero" that allowed players to feel like a rock star. It came with a nifty guitar shaped controller with a strap and a whammy bar. Almost like a real guitar except with no strings and no talent required, just a little practice. Players get the opportunity to feel like a musician, battling against infamous rock legends in order to progress through the game as they jam out on their guitar shaped controller.

"Rockband" is a new musical game and is like a combination of "Guitar Hero" and "Karaoke Revolution" with a drummer. The set can be bought (available for XBOX 360, PS3 & PS2) for \$160-



\$170. It comes with a guitar controller, mic, USB hub, drum set, and the game.

In single player mode, a person can master each career path: singing, guitar, bass, or drums. In the multiplayer mode, up to four people can create and name their very own band. The more successful complete shows performed, the more cash and fans are earned also unlocking new

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Yoko Ono Lennon, The Black Eyed Peas' will.i.am, Natasha Bedingfield and Pat Monahan of Train, Unveil the All New John Lennon Educational Tour Bus at CES

LAS VEGAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 8, 2008--Yoko Ono was joined by The Black Eyed Peas' will.i.am, Natasha Bedingfield and Pat Monahan of Train for the official unveiling of the new non-profit state-of-the-art John Lennon Educational Tour Bus. The launch took place at the Consumer Electronics Show today. The mission of the venture is to provide students with free hands-on opportunities to make music, produce video projects, and shoot digital photos in the mobile recording studios. The Lennon Bus also has an illustrious history as a hit maker, with chart topping singles from The Black Eyed Peas and Fergie recorded on board.

The Lennon Bus program will continue the tradition of providing free tours and workshops in which young people create an original composition, record their song and produce a broadcast quality music video --- all in one day!

The new facilities boasts two studio environments which are each powered by a high-end Apple Mac Pro loaded with Ableton Live, Logic Studio, Final Cut Studio and Sibelius notation software, supplemented by an Apple Xserve and XRAID system which facilitates high-bandwidth HD multimedia production and storage.

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L to R: The Black Eyed Peas' will.i.am, Yoko Ono, Natasha Bedingfield, and Pat Monahan of Train unveil the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus. Photo by Don Henderson

mobile recording and multimedia studio have been germinating since the first Lennon Bus hit the road a decade ago. Executive Director Brian Rothschild and music manager David Sonenberg created the outreach project with the focus originally on providing programs in songwriting and audio production. The program has expanded to include video production, and the new Bus goes even further with the addition of Sony HD video solutions, Mackie 5.1 surround sound monitor systems and Apogee's high-definition digital audio converters. Also new for '08 is an on-board Chromatte booth from Reflexmedia, as well as Bogen Imaging's full line of grip equipment, tripods,

filters, and accessories.

The 2008 tour will include stops at high schools, colleges and university campuses, retailers, and with headlining artists around the U.S. and Canada. The tour schedule and interactive map can be found at www.lennonbus.org, where visitors can also see all of the music, video and photography projects created on board.

Plans are underway to expand the project worldwide beginning in Western Europe and then Japan.

The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus (www.lennonbus.org) is a non-profit state-of-the-art mobile Pro Audio and HD video recording facility that provides hands-on experiences for students of

all ages. In its 11th year of touring, the venture is proud of its brand new bus and its studios, which boast the latest audio and video technology, gear and products. The concept began as an offshoot of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, which is dedicated to providing opportunities for both professional and amateur songwriters around the world. The Bus travels across the U.S. and Canada year-round, providing free tours and workshops at schools, retailers, festivals, on tours with headlining artists, and at major industry conferences. The Bus, a 501(c)(3) venture, is made possible through the generosity of sponsors includ-

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PNC, Michiana Resources Host "Old Masters" Art Exhibit

PNC Odyssey 2007-08 Arts and Cultural Events Series will present a series of exhibits featuring the work of artists participating in the Michiana Resources Creative Concepts program. A new show will be featured each month through July.

The first exhibit, "Old Masters Presented by Michiana Resources Creative Concepts" will open Jan. 14 in the PNC Technology Building North Lounge. The artists will be feted at a public reception on Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. in Technology Building Room 134. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit may be viewed Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This exhibit highlights the works of Creative Concepts artists Ed Galloway, Tonya Floyd, Tracy Seitz, Debbie Hoon, Katie Gill, Kier Lentner and Matt James and their interpretations of the paintings of Old Masters such as Jackson Pollock, Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin. As the students worked with each Old Master's painting, they learned about the style and expression that was used and they experimented with new techniques.

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PNC Students Honored

PNC students were recently honored for their high academic achievement in ceremonies conducted by the Alpha Mu Pi chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.

Four English majors and three Liberal Studies majors were recognized for their personal accomplishments and awarded lifetime membership certificates and membership pins.

The new members are: Angela Clark, Wanatah;

Lindsay Nielsen, LaPorte; Kelly Daubek and Beth Maack, Valparaiso; Karen Martin, Chesterton; and Kelly Richmond and Sarah Weber, Michigan City.

In addition to conferring distinction on outstanding students, Sigma Tau Delta promotes interest in literacy and literature on local campuses and in the surrounding community and fosters the discipline of English in all its aspects, including creative and critical writing.

PNC Non-Credit Home Staging and Redesign Course

PNC Office of Continuing Education will offer a one-day non-introductory class on Home Staging and Redesign.

"Home Staging and Redesign" will meet at PNC - Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso, on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. The registration fee is \$59.

This short-course will provide information on how to improve a home's look and transform it into a welcoming, appealing and attractive piece of property. Other points to be covered include how to eliminate clutter, edit

and arrange furniture and how to enhance curb appeal to make a house look bigger, brighter, cleaner, warmer, more loving and if you are thinking of selling, make home buyers want to buy it.

To register or to obtain further information about this or other courses available through the PNC Office of Continuing Education, PNC-Porter County at (219) 531-4200, ext. 4207, or visit www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact PNC-Porter County.

PNC Hosts Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Activities

PNC will be the site of the 12th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21 at 8 a.m. in the Library-Student-Faculty Building cafeteria. The event, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee and Purdue North Central, is free and open to the public. The event's theme is "Stepping Up: Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

D. Alexander Scott, Community Relations coordinator for Blue Chip Casino, will be the moderator for the breakfast. Rev. David Swann, pastor of the New Life A.M.E. Church in Merrillville, will offer the invocation and benediction.

The featured speaker is O'Merial Butcher. An entrepreneur, business leader and author, Butcher retired as the former treasurer of the American Can Company. She joined Ivy Tech Community College where she saw a community of people who were caring and desiring to help its students, staff and faculty

positively impact its region. She became a part of that environment when she was appointed an adjunct professor in 1997.

She also shares her abilities, skills and knowledge with her community as the Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Northwest director of the Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center. The center is located at the Gary campus and serves the East Chicago, Michigan City and Valparaiso Campuses.

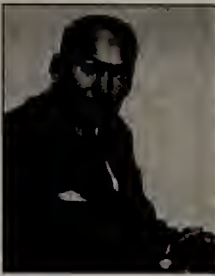
The Soul Steppers under the direction of Lyn Isbell, will perform at the breakfast.

Breakfast participants are asked to bring a book to be donated to the annual Bring a Book to Breakfast program, sponsored by the PNC Student Education Association. Books will be donated to local literacy projects.

As part of the breakfast activities, the winners of the local essay contest for children will be announced. PNC Alumnus Roscoe Hoffman will perform at the piano.

Following the breakfast the annual PNC Dialogue will take place in LSF Room 144. Janell Irving, PNC grants writer, will moderate the discussion, "Diversity in the Classroom - Reflections on Brown vs Board of Education and Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine." The speaker will be Shontrai Irving, attorney.

From 10 a.m. to noon, students in the PNC Department of Education, led by Dr. David Pratt, assistant professor of Education, will travel to the Michigan City Public Library to lead a series of activities for children, including games and coloring that will help children learn and understand the meaning of the day. Youngsters will listen to a reading of a Martin Luther King Jr. book and listen to his "I Have a Dream" speech. Participants will have an opportunity to make a cloud that states their dream for the world. The Michigan City Public Library at 100 E. 4th St., and the LaPorte County Public Library at 904 Indiana Ave. in LaPorte



will also host the "Talk to the Lawyer Free Today" event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointments necessary for this opportunity to talk to an attorney about legal issues, free of charge. This is sponsored by the Indiana State Bar Association, LaPorte Co. Bar Association, Indiana Pro Bono Commission and the First Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, Inc.

To round out the day's activities, PNC students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to join a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project at one of three community agencies - Michiana Resources, the city of

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PNC ECONTRENDS Publication Offers New Information

PNC publication, ECONTRENDS, a business report for LaPorte and Porter counties has been expanded to offer more information.

ECONTRENDS is written by Dr. Tantatpe Brahmasrene, PNC professor of Business. Published several times a year, ECONTRENDS examines the business and economic climate, labor and employment markets, analysis of wages, sales and retail numbers, plus new information that includes news about the PNC College of Business faculty and other

information of general interest. In this issue, Brahmasrene describes his recent Fulbright Senior Specialists project in Kazakhstan at the Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University. He aided the Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University (KAZEU) in creating a western-model Ph.D. program in business economics and in the development and assessment of academic curricula.

ECONTRENDS is now a full-color, eight-page publication information and analysis by

Brahmasrene is supplemented with charts and graphs, presented in an easily read format.

Brahmasrene is a 2001 J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar and a 2003 Fulbright Senior Specialist.

ECONTRENDS is mailed without charge to interested subscribers and is available on the PNC website at: www.pnc.edu/depts/gb/econtrends.html

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Members of the Student Government Association, F.A.C.E. committee, and friends pose for a picture at the annual holiday dance. The dance was titled "Winter Wonderland" and is hosted by the F.A.C.E. committee after every fall semester.

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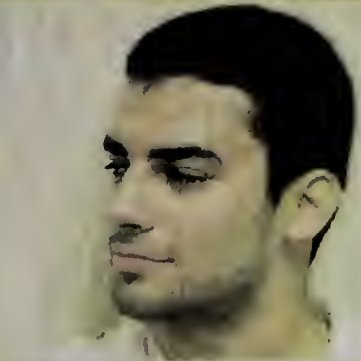
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Jonathan Sichtermann

Democrat Candidates and Their Foreign Policies

With the recent assassination of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, and the ongoing war in Iraq, the knowledge of the foreign policies of our next president has never been of greater importance. To be useful, here is a summation of each candidate's foreign policy.

Sen. Hillary Clinton may know the most about foreign affairs from her experience as First Lady, but that does not necessarily mean that she will be able to handle those affairs easily. Her foreign policy can be summed up in one phrase; she says America "must be guided by a preference for multilateralism, with unilateralism as an option when absolutely necessary."

Clinton voted in favor of the war in Iraq, but, as we all know, she has been highly critical of how the war has been executed and has demanded the immediate withdrawal of troops.

Also, Clinton has had mixed positions on free trade issues. As the former First Lady, she toured Africa in 1997 and has since been outspoken on the failure to end genocide in Darfur.

The other major foreign policy issue that the next president will have to

grapple with is Iran. Clinton has not ruled out the use of force, if necessary, but she stresses the use of sanctions and diplomacy as a first resort.

Sen. Barack Obama, as in most things, has less experience dealing with foreign powers than does Sen. Clinton. However, he does claim to have a better understanding of foreign cultures, because he grew up in Indonesia, which he believes will help him to deal better with the issues that may arise.

Obama has promised to keep the lines of communication open with American enemies. Obama, like all the Democrats, opposes the war in Iraq and has a solution to end it involving a regional conference with Syria and Iran. He calls it "The Ultimate Iraq Solution."

Obama has also been involved in the Senate to fight against nuclear proliferation, which he will

Pakistan Crisis Brings Foreign Policy to Forefront of Campaigns

The recent assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto clearly reiterated the importance of foreign policy in the next U.S. presidential administration. When looking at the presidential candidates of the two parties, it is obvious that they have starkly different views concerning what must be done in the foreign policy area over the next four years.

On the Republican side, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani takes the most warlike stance. In an article he wrote for the Foreign Affairs magazine, he contends that "civilization itself is under attack" and that the next president must be prepared to defend against "radical Islamic fascism." Repeatedly during Republican debates, he has advocated "remaining on offense against radical Islamic fascism." To do so he has said he would go as far as not ruling out the usage of nuclear weapons against Iran's nuclear sites.

The rest of the

Republican field is considerably less bellicose. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney wants to "re-organize the agencies that conduct foreign policy" the way he did for private firms. His goal would be to make them "leaner and more focused on specific goals" such as developing the economies of Middle Eastern nations, promoting the rule of law and human rights in the region. On the ever contentious issue of Iraq, he said in his Foreign Affairs article that "walking away now or dividing Iraq up into parts and walking away later would present grave risks to the U.S. and the world. Iran could seize the Shiite South, al Qaeda could dominate the Sunni West, and Kurdish nationalism could destabilize the border with Turkey." While this position is not entirely unique among Republicans, an insightful discussion of the dangers of a premature withdrawal has been noticeably missing from the Democratic side of the race.

Relative newcomer Mike Huckabee, a former Arkansas governor, has been doggedly criticized by Romney for saying in Foreign Affairs that the Bush Administration has an "arrogant, bunker mentality." Beyond that statement, the general premise of Huckabee's article is that a nation cannot win a war unless the enemy is known and understood. On that note, he describes militant Islam in far greater detail than his GOP opponents. Huckabee warns of the writings of Sayyid Qutb, the Egyptian radical who sought to restore the "pure" Islam of the Seventh century. He points out that Qutb "saw nothing decadent or sinful in murdering to achieve a global theocratic caliphate."

With regard to policies, Huckabee warns against promoting democracy too rapidly because that could allow extremists to come to power. He also said that if he does have to

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Can Hillary Be President?

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Since nations across the globe have female executives, it is a shame that the United States of America, the most powerful and dominant nation in the world, has failed in the process of electing a female president.

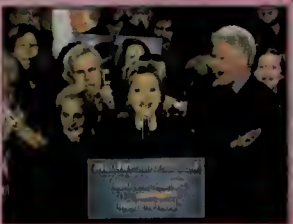
Nations that we deem unsafe, like Argentina, have handed over the reigns of power to a woman without the slightest hesitance. Even our model, Great Britain, has had a female president equivalent, Margaret Thatcher. However, the American political system may be on the cusp of making history. Whether you like her or not, one of the leading Democrat candidates is a female, making the possibility of the U.S. having a female president that much closer.

To become president there are several obstacles that Sen. Hillary Clinton must overcome. According to Eleanor Clift and Tom Brazaitis, co-authors of "Madam President: Shattering the Last Glass Ceiling," there are twelve conditions that a female must meet to be elected president. The first condition is to "do your homework." By that Clift and Brazaitis means the first female president must learn from other successful female politicians, most notably Margaret Thatcher. Hillary has taken a cue from Margaret Thatcher's strength and resolve and it seems that she has met this condition.

The second condition calls for the candidate to "highlight executive experience." A female presiden-

tial candidate, according to Clift and Brazaitis, must have experience in an executive office, either the governorship of a state or a mayor of a large city. This experience would show that she can balance the budgets of a large government.

Among Americans, there is a belief that those in Congress get nothing



done. If the female candidate were to come from the Senate or the House, she would be viewed as a vehicle of the status quo. Hillary Clinton's opponents have used her experience in the Senate as a means to feed into this mindset, implying that Hillary could not get the job done as president.

Another condition that Hillary may have some trouble with is "looking good." When Thatcher became Prime Minister of Great Britain, she worked on her appearance in order to seem more powerful. Thatcher worked on lowering her voice to gain authority and she had her teeth fixed to make her smile more appealing. Clift and Brazaitis do not feel that it is the actual appearance that is important, but rather how the candidate feels her appearance is perceived. The confidence

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Bhutto Assassination Leads to Unrest

By Jonathan Sichtermann

Freedom has undoubtedly expanded over the past decades. In a 2000 report, 142 of the world's nations were listed as either free or partially free, but the spread has been uneven. In the Middle East for instance, democracy is almost nonexistent. Until a few weeks ago, one nation in the region, Pakistan, appeared to be on the road toward democracy.

That path was suddenly and violently halted with the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto while she was campaigning.

Bhutto returned from exile in November and was attempting to become the nation's next Prime Minister in the upcoming elections scheduled this month. As a result of the assassination and subsequent riots, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf announced that the election would be postponed until

February.

Ms. Bhutto was somewhat of an anomaly in the Muslim world. She was a prominent, pro-Western, female politician in a region which recently has become ever more anti-Western and treats women as second-class citizens.

Where the nation goes from here is anyone's guess. The Pakistani government accused Baitullah Mehsud, a tribal commander with ties to Al Qaeda, of planning the

attack. Members of opposition parties, however, accuse the government of being behind the shooting and suicide bombing. They make this claim because Musharraf and Bhutto were political rivals.

Regardless of who was behind the attack, Pakistan is now much less stable politically. One can only hope that someone, either in Bhutto's party or another, takes up the pro-Western, democratic cause Bhutto championed throughout her life.

State Party Caucuses Can Catapult Candidate to Nomination

By Lyndsie Daikhi

State caucuses have been used since the early 1970s as a catapult into their party nomination. Caucuses are extremely interesting events, like the ones held in Iowa and New Hampshire, where a voter casts a single, secret ballot. These caucuses function more like town meetings with dozens, and sometimes hundreds of people, gathered to support the candidate they have chosen.

Republicans gather in preference groups by candidate, are counted and then are dismissed. The Democratic caucus is far

more complicated. First voters gather in preference groups, then after the initial sorting, those whose candidate does not meet a certain threshold of viability, usually 15 percent, can shift their votes to another candidate who has already met that threshold.

Barack Obama won the Democratic caucus with 38 percent of the votes, followed by John Edwards in second place, and Hillary Clinton holding onto third with 29 percent of the vote. The win by Obama can be credited to young people and women. Obama not only commanded the under-35 voters, but surprisingly, he also won among Iowa

women, according to polls of Iowans as they entered the caucuses. However, Clinton led Obama in the category of voters 45 and older.

In the Republican arena, former governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee won with 34 percent; Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney was in second, followed by Sen. John McCain and former Tennessee senator Fred Thompson. Huckabee's win can be attributed to the evangelical Christian voters. Sixty percent of the Republican caucus goers described themselves as evangelicals and voted for Huckabee over Romney 2 to 1 according

to entrance polls.

The precedent that voters in the Iowa caucus have set is one of change. They long for someone, in either party, that is removed from the politics of the past and who will give bipartisanship a fighting chance.

Polls showed that Democrats put change ahead of experience, which is evident in Obama's victory over Clinton.

Republicans also seem to want change in the GOP. Huckabee's humorous personality has helped to propel his popularity among independents more than other Republican candidates who have stern personalities.

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Panthers Basketball 4 - 12 Midway through Season

Slightly past the halfway point of the season, the PNC basketball team has struggled its way to a 4-12 record under first-year coach Kris Schnatz. However, the Panthers just might be getting closer to the bright end of the tunnel.

In its most recent outing, against Grace Bible College, a gritty, tough-minded defense began to appear, giving fans a reason to believe that coaches and players are laying down a solid foundation for the future. While scoring is still coming in unpredictable streaks, the team's growing aptitude at blocking shots and taking down rebounds may bode well for the remainder of the season.

CSU Invitational
The PNC basketball team closed out November falling to 1-8 with 74-67 loss against Wilberforce University, Nov. 30, in the Central State University Invitational in Wilberforce, OH.

The Panthers fell behind 32-28 at halftime due to cold shooting. They made just nine of 29 shots (31 percent) and one of five three-pointers.

Despite shooting 52 percent (15 of 29) in the second half the Panthers could not close the gap as Wilberforce connected on 15 of 28 of their shots.

The others statistics were almost identical as PNC had 34 rebounds, 16 turnovers, made three of 12 three-pointers and 16 of 24 free throws while picking up 21 fouls.

Wilberforce had 36 rebounds, 18 turnovers, made three of 11 three-pointers and 15 of 22 free throws while picking up 18 turnovers.

The Panthers were led by Adam Dobrzeniecki with 16 points and 12 rebounds and Terry Polk with 14 points and seven rebounds. Brian Bogus and A.J. Jones added 11 points apiece for PNC.

On the second day night of the tournament, the team fell 100-54 to Central State University. For the second straight game the Panthers were cold from the tip-off, making just 26 percent (6 of 23) of their shots while falling behind 45-15 at the break.

Meanwhile, the Marauders knocked down 55 percent (18 of 33) of their attempts in the first half and were even better at 58 percent (23 of 40) in the second half.

Combined, the Panthers shot just 29 percent for the game (14 of 48) and committed 25 turnovers in the defeat.

Senior Adam Dobrzeniecki was the lone Panther in double figures

in the first half. Their offensive clinic gave PNC a 42-28 advantage at the break.

The second half was more balanced as the Panthers outscored the Archers 27-24 for the final margin.

PNC finished 25 of 48 overall (52 percent) and out-rebounded Moody Bible 39-23. The Panthers also had a significant advantage at the free throw line, making 15 of 22 attempts while the Archers made four of five attempts.

Individually, PNC was led by Adam Dobrzeniecki with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Tyler Moore added 12 points and Sylvester James added four steals.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Panthers overcame a

PNC connect on 15 of 24 attempts (63 percent) in the half, including three of five three-pointers and seven of nine free throws. Despite shooting 50 percent in the first half (11 of 22), PNC was zero for six on three's and one of four at the line.

Taylor played a solid game, but was eventually worn down by PNC. Taylor out-rebounded the Panthers 29-20 and only committed 12 turnovers in the game. The Falcons tried to take advantage of 24 Panther fouls but made just 18 of 28 free throws (64 percent).

PNC was led by senior Terry Polk with 20 points and junior Marlon Douglass added 14 points. Senior Brian Bogus added nine points and six assists while senior Sylvester James filled the stat sheet with seven points, six assists and five rebounds for the Panthers.

The team traveled to Chicago on Dec. 21 and lost a 70-68 overtime thriller to East West University.

The Panthers led virtually the entire game but made just 4 of 14 free throws down the stretch, allowing East West to recover and force the overtime. PNC had a chance to win but AJ Jones' three-point attempt bounced twice on the rim as the clock expired.

On Dec. 22, the Panthers fell 83-74 to visiting Indiana University South Bend.

The Panthers jumped out to an early lead in the first half behind some hot shooting. But the Titans hung close and took advantage of four late turnovers by PNC to lead 40-35 at the break.

IUSB opened a 12 point lead midway through the second half but could not put the Panthers away.

PNC trailed 76-70 with a under minute to go and missed an open three-point shot that would have cut the lead to three. The Titans made their free throws down the stretch to put the game on ice.

Both teams shot well overall as PNC finished 26 of 54 (48 percent) from the field and IUSB connected on 30 of 66 (46 percent) attempts. Each team failed to take advantage from the line as PNC made just 18 of 31 (58 percent) free throws and IUSB 19 of 29 (66 percent). The teams were also evenly matched on the boards as PNC gained a slight edge at 35-34.

Turnovers proved to be the Panthers undoing as they committed 20 compared to IUSB's 11.

The Panthers were led



Panther senior, Marlon Douglas puts the moves on a contender.

by junior Marlon Douglas with 22 points and five assists. Senior Terry Polk added 17 points while senior Sylvester James played an excellent all-around game with 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists. The Panthers second leading scorer on the team, senior Adam Dobrzeniecki, was limited to three points and six rebounds due to early foul trouble.

Dewey Brown led IUSB with 24 points and six assists while Qdar Owens added 21 points. Ben Werner contributed 13 points and nine rebounds while Terry Hill chipped in with 12 points and eight boards.

Hope College Tourney
Following Christmas holidays, the Panthers traveled to Hope College in Holland, Mich., for the Russ Devette Holiday Tournament, where the team split two games on December 28 and 29.

In the first game PNC fell to seventh-ranked Mt. Vernon Nazarene by the score of 82-74. The Panthers controlled most of the game and even had a 15-point lead with 12 minutes left in the game. However, the Cougars knocked down eight three-pointers in the second half to rally for the victory. The Panthers dropped to 3-12 overall while Mt. Vernon improved to 10-0.

The Panthers held 43-33 at the break behind solid shooting and strong rebounding. PNC knocked down 17 of 34 shots overall, including five of nine three-pointers and all four free throw attempts. In the second half the Panthers made 12 of 27 attempts (44 percent) and three of seven three-pointers, but missed several key free throws (4 of 9) down the stretch for the difference.

The game was tied at 70 and the Panthers had the chance to tie the game at 72 but missed two free throws with just over two minutes to go. It was also a two possession game when PNC committed an

untimely turnover with 40 seconds left, securing the win for Mt. Vernon Nazarene.

Overall, PNC was 29 of 61 (48 percent) and eight of 16 on three-pointers (50 percent), but made just eight of 13 free throws (62 percent). Mt. Vernon finished 27 of 55 (49 percent), but made 14 of 27 three-pointers (52 percent) and 14 of 17 from the line (82 percent).

The Panthers dominated the boards 40-22 but committed 15 turnovers to the Cougars' 10.

Individually, junior Marlon Douglass led the way for PNC with 21 points, including 17 in the first half. Senior Sylvester James added 14 points and senior Adam Dobrzeniecki added 13 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Terry Polk chipped in with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Mt. Vernon Nazarene was led by Ben Falkenberg with 29 points, including eight of 17 on three-pointers.

In the consolation game the Panthers defeated Grace Bible College (MI) 73-63 to improve to 4-12.

The Panthers jumped out to a 16-4 lead before Grace (11-10) roared back and tied the score at 20. PNC finished the half with another run to take a 38-24 lead at break.

The second half saw more steady play but Grace did cut the lead to six at one point. But GBC could not control the dominating inside play of Dobrzeniecki, who led the Panthers with a career high 34 points and added 10 rebounds. The senior center made 10 of 12 shots from the floor and knocked down 14 of 17 free throws while adding two blocked shots.

Polk added 12 points while James and senior Brian Bogus added eight points apiece. Freshman A.J. Jones added seven points and seven rebounds.

The Panthers stingy defense was another difference as they forced Grace into a 21 of 65 (32 percent) shooting effort, including a woeful five of 28 from behind the arc. PNC knocked down 27 of 56 of their own attempts (48 percent) but their struggles at the line (18 of 28) allowed Grace to stay in the game. The Panthers won the rebounding battle 43-38 and both teams limited their turnovers to 12.



Panther senior, Adam Dobrzeniecki, skillfully handles the ball.

with 12 points as every player scored. Senior Terry Polk added 10 rebounds for PNC.

First Road Win
The Panthers chalked up their first road win of the season, defeating the Moody Bible Archers 69-52, Dec. 6, in Chicago. The win brought the PNC record to 2-9 while Moody Bible fell to 3-6.

The Panthers came out red-hot and scorched the Archers with an impressive 64 percent shooting effort

slow start to defeat Taylor University (Fort Wayne) 63-55 in Michigan City. The Panthers won their second straight to move to 3-9 while the Falcons fell to 7-7.

Both teams came out sluggish and the score reflected it as it was 23-23 at the break.

After Taylor jumped out to a quick four point lead to start the second half, the Panthers gradually took control of the game with some hot shooting.

Athletic Department Earns Champions of Character Award

The PNC Athletic Department was recently chosen as a recipient of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Champions of Character award, announced John Weber, PNC director of athletics and head baseball coach.

The NAIA named 130 colleges and universities to the list of Champions of Character institutions for the 2006-07 school year. There are currently 281 institutions affiliated with the NAIA.

The mission of Champions of Character is to restore character values and raise a generation of students who understand and demonstrate in everyday decisions respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, and sportsmanship.

The NAIA and member institutions use the Champions of Character

program to instill an understanding of character values in sports. The program provides student athletes, coaches and parents the training to help them know and do the right things, inside and outside the sports setting. The program is dedicated to the principle that character is a choice and that being a champion is not just about winning, but making good decisions consistently in life.

To be considered a Champions of Character institution, schools must incorporate the five core values in the campus community and educate student-athletes, coaches, parents and fans on specific standards and expectations. Each school is reviewed by NAIA Director of Champions of Character Initiatives Rob Miller.

In representing the

five core values, the PNC student-athletes have participated in many charitable events in the surrounding area, said Weber. Recent activities include ringing the bell for Salvation Army, assisting in holiday parties for needy families, providing free camps and clinics, and raising money to help those affected by catastrophic events, such as Hurricane Katrina.

"The Champions of Character program is a game plan dedicated to character-driven intercollegiate athletics," said Miller. "The philosophy and approach to sport is a fundamental distinction gaining traction throughout the United States and Canada. Successful teams are built on a solid foundation and hundreds of competitive programs see the value in the NAIA and the Champions of Character model."



Panther head coach, Kristofer Schnatz, giving instruction at the bench during a timeout.

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continue to do if he is elected president.

Obama has been a proponent of energy independence for a few years now, as demonstrated in a 2003 speech: "The issue of climate change is one that we ignore at our own peril. There may still be disputes about exactly how much we're contributing to the warming of the earth's atmosphere and how much is naturally occurring, but what we can be scientifically certain of is that our continued use of fossil fuels is pushing us to a point of no return. And unless we free ourselves from a dependence on these fossil fuels and chart a new course on energy in this country, we are condemning future generations to global catastrophe."

Former Sen. John Edwards voted for the Iraq War Resolution in 2002, but by 2005 he was rescinding his support, calling his vote "a mistake." The main foreign policy issue that Edwards will likely push, if elected president, is the stopping of outsourcing of American jobs. His family members worked in the mills of North Carolina and jobs that they once held may be moved out of the country to other nations for cheaper wages.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson has what seems to be the most direct foreign relations experience. Richardson's first job was working on congressional relations at the U.S. State Department. Later he was a staffer for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. While he was a member of Congress, Richardson traveled widely and he played a key role in shaping U.S. foreign policy as the U.N. ambassador.

In 1995, Richardson successfully negotiated with Saddam Hussein for the release of American workers being held in Iraq. He also negotiated for the release of an American journalist in Sudan.

Gov. Richardson has called for U.S. talks with both Iran and North Korea within six party talks. He, like the others, favors a quick withdrawal from Iraq. Because of his time spent as a U.N. ambassador, Richardson favors the Kyoto Treaty on climate change and would push any efforts for the US to become energy independent.

invade a foreign nation, he would adhere to the Powell Doctrine of overwhelming force that was employed in the extremely successful invasion of Iraq in the 1990s, but was discarded by the second President Bush when he was planning the current Iraq war. He also would stop using the active-duty armed forces for nation building, and would instead turn those duties over to other governmental agencies.

Of the four major candidates, the one with the clearest and most complete ideas is John McCain, the senator from Arizona who also has the most foreign policy experience of all the GOP candidates. Unlike other candidates, he addresses issues pertaining to Africa, East Asia, and nuclear proliferation, in addition to the Middle East. In debates and speeches he is always quick to point out that he was the one who first advocated the surge and was the first Republican to break with his party and criticize Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. He doggedly defends free trade, even in front of protectionist crowds, and of the four candidates, he is the most vocal in his opposition to torture tactics.

Like the other GOP candidates, he warns Americans of the dangers of an early withdrawal from Iraq. Each of these positions has been well documented, but his most novel idea has hardly been addressed in the media. In Foreign Affairs he advocates the creation of a League of Democracies which would consist of like-minded nations working together for peace and liberty, and would act when the UN fails in such affairs as the conflict in Darfur, combating HIV/AIDS in Africa, addressing environmental crises, and other initiatives that cannot be addressed in a universal membership organization such as the UN.

While the foreign policy plans of each of these candidates share similarities, it is their subtle variations that are likely to make the difference in the upcoming campaign. Although other issues certainly will impact the choice of a nominee, the events in Pakistan will once again bring foreign policy to the forefront of attention.

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LaPorte and the LaPorte YMCA. Volunteers may contact project coordinator Gary Demski, PNC director of Student Activities, at gdemski@pnc.edu or call 800-872-1231, ext. 5479 to register. Matt Cook is the contact for the City of LaPorte project.

Donations are being accepted for the Rev. Martin Luther King Community Celebration fund. Project donors include Blue Chip Casino and Hotel; the City of LaPorte; Horizon Bank; LaPorte Savings Bank; Swanson Center; the City of Michigan City; Northwestern Indiana Ministers Conference of Michigan City; Sisters of St. Francis Health Service and an anonymous donor.

Additional information about the Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities may be obtained by contacting Patricia A. Carlisle, PNC special assistant to the chancellor, at pcarlisle@pnc.edu or 800-872-1231, ext. 5241. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should call Carlisle by noon on Friday, Jan. 18.

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the belief of many that Edwards, in order to gain ground in New Hampshire, would have to either align himself with Clinton in order to sway votes from the Obama camp or he would have to align himself with Obama to sway votes from the Clinton camp.

As a result of entrance and exit polls done in Iowa, the main thing that the Democrats wanted to push as the reason to vote was change. Obama and Edwards professed to be the candidate of change who could get the most done. Clinton and Richardson professed the same while adding that experience enables them to get things done.

songs to play.

The PS3 and XBOX 360 versions will allow players to download new songs. The company claims there will be hundreds of new songs available for download by the end of the release year. However, this sucks for those who cannot afford a next generation system and are stuck with the original 58 tracks.

Featured tracks include: Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Dani California", Blue Öyster Cult's "(Don't Fear) The Reaper", Metallica's "Enter Sandman", OK Go's "Here It Goes Again", Deep Purple's "Highway Star", Foo Fighters' "Learn to Fly", David Bowie's "Suffragette City", BonJovi's "Wanted Dead or Alive", and The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again."

The bass and guitar players use guitar controllers to play the correct "notes" at the correct time, same concept as the "Guitar Hero" games. The drummer has an actual drum set (sort of) complete with bass pedal and "real" drums sticks, and must hit the correct pad at the right time, same basic concept as the guitar. The only person who has to have some talent is the singer. Instead of just hitting the right button at the right time like everyone else, the singer actually has to sing. Voice recognition software reads your tone and pitch, and scores how well the song was sung. On the top of the screen (bottom in single player mode) the words scroll across along with "tube notes" (a simplified version of actual sheet music) giving the singer a little guidance.

Official Xbox Magazine published the first review of the game, scoring it a 9.5/10. IGN.com awarded the game a 9.4/10 score and an Editor's Choice Award, largely praised it by calling it "one of the must-have games of the year" and suggesting it "may just be among the best party games ever released." IUP.com rated the game a 9.0/10, stating, "Rock Band unquestionably, unequivocally rocks." Game Spot also gave the game a 9.0/10, calling it "one of the best party games of all time."

non-for-profit organization, works together with people with disabilities to enhance their lives through employment and education. Creative Concepts exposes individuals with disabilities to visual art, theatre, music and dance.

Creative Concepts is under the direction of Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, the arts coordinator and instructor.

Creative Concepts is a three-year-old program. Michiana Resources has served the community for more than 37 years. Michiana Resources is in the process of creating a new art room, which will also include a gallery and a gift shop. All of the Creative Concept art is displayed throughout the

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that Hillary displays may be a benefit to her. A separate condition that also deals with appearance is termed "get a haircut." The advice given to women who wish to succeed is to keep hair relatively short. This could be the reason that Hillary has kept her hair short or she just likes having short hair.

Another condition that must be met seems paradoxical to the previous. A woman must project a "warm and friendly image." Although many of the women who are successful in politics are not married or have grown children, it is important for the candidate to seem feminine. Hillary has learned a great deal from the mistakes made by Thatcher when it comes to husbands since her husband was the butt of many jokes for seeming meek during her reign. Hillary has distanced herself from Bill and comes to most events with their daughter, Chelsea, so as not to emasculate him or to stand in his shadow.

Clift and Brazaitis feel that for a woman to be in charge of the nation she has to trust women to be in charge of her campaign. In doing so it would show her faith in the ability of females to get things done and would relieve her from being stuck under a male dominated agenda. Hillary has met this condition; her longtime adviser Patti Solis Doyle is her campaign manager.

Another important condition that must be met is the ability of a female presidential candidate to prove her ability to handle a crisis. Men have used their experiences in war to show how they are able to deal with crises; a woman who has been mayor or governor could relate her experience in handling some catastrophic event to showcase her leadership abilities. Since Hillary has neither experience, it has been difficult for her to show that she has the ability to lead during a crisis.

To be the first female president will take a great deal of pioneering. The first step in that will be to listen to focus groups. Polling will help the candidate understand voters' attitudes on issues, priorities and the impact that gender has on voting. Hillary learned from her husband, who used focus groups to create strategies to handle his administration's scandals. Hillary has definitely used polling and interest groups to finesse her campaign in order to win.

Another condition that

is important to all presidential candidates is money. If the female presidential candidate has raised enough money to be viable to the party nomination, then she has shown she has enough support to go all the way. Hillary has been successful in meeting this condition by being consistently at the top of campaign contributions.

Clift and Brazaitis believe that the state from which the female candidate comes from will play a deciding role in whether she is elected. They believe that it would be easier for a female candidate from a state with a large amount of electoral votes to win the presidency than a candidate from a state with fewer electoral votes.

Hillary solved this problem right off the bat. She chose the state that she would call home immediately following the end of Bill's presidency. It was no accident that the Clintons chose New York their home, not only because there would be a senatorial race but also because New York has 31 electoral votes.

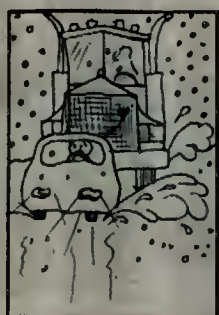
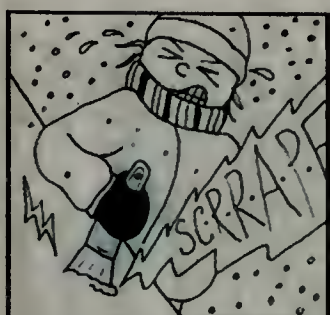
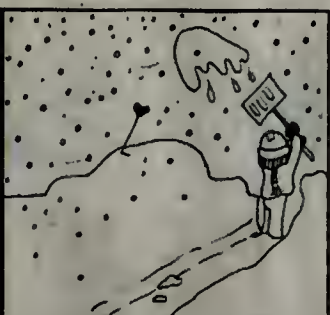
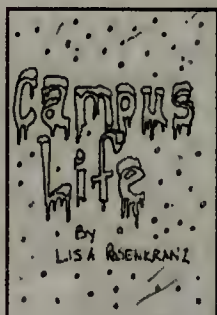
The first female presidential candidate must be able to inspire true believers by having a core of supporters who will recruit others to her campaign. Hillary has not been able to accomplish this task. She has not been able to win the female vote solely based on the fact that she is a female. In the recent Iowa caucus, more females voted for Obama than for Hillary.

Another thing that the first female presidential candidate must have is charisma. She must be able to inspire those around her and to light up a room with her presence. Hillary has not been able to do this effectively either. Most people are tired of seeing Hillary plastered everywhere. Think about how many times she has been seen on the television or heard on the radio: ever since Bill was governor of Arkansas.

The final condition that the female candidate will have to meet is that she be able to balance her political life with her family life. Hillary has seemed to master this facet, from the Lewinsky scandal and previous indignities, she has stayed strong in adverse family situations with great poise.

Now it is difficult to say whether Hillary will be the Democratic nominee. While she has met some of these very important conditions, there are still several that she has been unable to conquer. Only time will tell.

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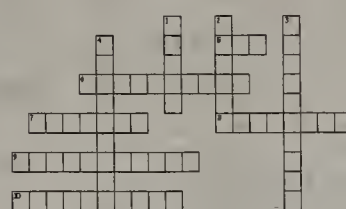
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PNC Words to Know

Puzzle 6

Instructions: Complete the puzzle using the following terms/phrases: FACTS, Basketball, Work Study, Resume, EFC, Elective, Advisor, Co-requisite, Volley ball, Credit Hour



Across

5. An acronym for Estimated Family Contribution which refers to how much your family can contribute to your college costs, tuition, and books.
6. This is equivalent to one hour of class time during a given week.
7. A staff member who advises on academic and career objectives; this person could discuss plan of study and career exploration.
8. A course students choose to take to fulfill their degree requirement, which does not need to fall into the major field of study.
9. A course that is required to be taken at the same time as another course.
10. A female sports team who will be competing against other collegiate teams in the NAIA conference.

Down

1. A payment plan that breaks the remainder of tuition into manageable payments throughout the semester.
2. A document that lists past education and work experience, as well as any important skills one might have.
3. A male sports team which will be competing against other collegiate teams in the NAIA conference.
4. A federally funded student aid program in which eligible students may earn up to \$1000 per semester (for 2007-2008) working on or off campus.

Go Panthers!!!





The Voice

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What to do about this common concern for commuters

By Jonita Davis

Yes, potholes are as common here in the winter as lake-effect snow.

Potholes start forming later in the season when the snow starts melting and temperatures stay above the freezing mark. The fall rains and winter snows in Northwestern Indiana create a lot of moisture which seeps below the pavement and into the soil. There, it is frozen in place by the frigid temperatures and expands. The pavement is pushed up to accommodate the icy swollen soil. When the ice thaws in the early

spring, the soil then retreats to its normal place under the asphalt. The shrinking soil leaves a pocket under the asphalt, which collapses under the weight of trucks and cars driving over the highways. This is how a pothole is made.

This year, however, warm temperatures, and heavy rains have made potholes appear much earlier than normal. The early arrival has caused trouble for motorists, and for the Indiana Department of Transportation, or INDOT, the people who are charged

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Problematic Potholes

PNC BITS

Odyssey Arts & Cultural Series
Free film showing of "In The Shadow of the Moon" (PG) at Schulze Hall located in the La Porte High School on 602 F St. The showing is scheduled for Feb. 15 from 7 - 9 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by PNC and the La Porte County Public Library.

Spring Break
Just a friendly reminder that PNC's Spring Break starts on March 9 and lasts all week long. Start getting your plans together now. Hopefully the weather will be good or at least consistent enough to make plans.

PNC ASL Club Silent Coffee
PNC American Sign Language Club will host a Silent Coffee on Friday, Jan. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Espresso Yourself, Ltd. 504 Lincolnway, Valparaiso. Contact Karen Donah, PNC continuing lecturer and Coordinator of American Sign Language, at 800-872-1231, ext. 5432 or kdonah@pnc.edu.

Books & Coffee
The Books & Coffee series continues on Feb. 13 with *Where's my jetpack?: A Guide to the Amazing Science Fiction Future that Never Arrived* written by Daniel H. Wilson and reviewed by Jeff Shires, assistant professor of Communication. The event takes place in LSF 02 from noon - 12:45.

Spring 2008 Semester Produces Another Record Enrollment for Purdue University North Central

PNC continues its trend of breaking its enrollment records this spring semester. PNC enrolled a spring-semester record 3650 students, an increase of 6.07 percent over last spring. Of that total 87 students are in graduate programs, including 77 students enrolled in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program which grew by 12 students.

One other spring semester record shattered was the total amount of credit hours that students are taking totaling 37,480, an increase of 4.83 percent.

The number of full-time students continues to remain high, with 2,075 full-time students taking 12 or more credit hours of classes. This semester, PNC minority enrollment numbered 546 students, 14.9 percent of the overall student body.

Enrollment at PNC - Porter County in Valparaiso grew to 638 students, enrolled in a total of 3,264 credit hours.

"Each semester, the student enrollment at Purdue North Central continues to grow, and the total number of student credit hours increases as well. PNC opened its Westville campus in September 1967 with 1,200 students and enrollment has increased steadily since then as Northwest Indiana residents choose to earn their Purdue degrees from Purdue North Central," said Chancellor James B. Dworkin.

More information about becoming a student at PNC can be obtained by visiting the campus Web site at www.pnc.edu or by calling 219-785-5505.

Strategic Plan Development

By Daniel Weaver

On February 4 Purdue North Central hosted one of eight Synergy forums. This particular forum concentrated on the economic development of northern Indiana in the near future and what part Purdue North Central can play in helping the economic future of this region.

Some goals of this meeting were well presented by Mark Hannon, director of the Office of Career Development at Purdue North Central. These things included the goals of determining how PNC could better serve its students by providing them with an environment that is more cohesive with the local companies and employers. Also the meeting served as a way for local businesses and representatives of companies large and small to voice their thoughts on the ways that PNC could improve its educational curriculum to better inform and train future employees of these

companies.

The results of this forum will affect students in a variety of ways. First by holding open meetings, this forum gives students the chance to voice their opinions on how changes could be made to PNC's policies and programs. Also it allows students to alert the campus of any problems no matter how big or small. If this forum is successful it will give students the chance to do something that they may have felt has been denied to them - the chance to be heard directly by people such as Chancellor Dworkin.

Dworkin, who genuinely believes that the opinions of students at PNC are worthwhile, is willing to change policy because of their opinions.

The forum was attended by a mix of individuals. Some were representatives of corporations with a direct stock in the future of PNC's academic programs and that also may be the future providers of work

study programs and internships for students.

The meeting was also attended by officials that were part of preexisting committees to help improve the economic development of Northwest Indiana. Also this meeting allowed for PNC to ask many of these businesses and academic officials from this area to come together and learn to work together to provide positive change for the community.

The good thing about this forum is that it gives the university the ability to work with the community enabling the community to help make improvements. These improvements would be improving the quality of education that students will receive from colleges in this area, making the colleges and students of Northwest Indiana accountable, and bring awareness of the problems within community while creating ways for them to help solve those problems.

Accounting Students to Offer Free Tax Service

Students from PNC tax and accounting classes are again offering free assistance to the public in preparing federal and state income tax returns. This program is designed to provide basic income tax return preparation to individuals with low to moderate incomes, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly.

Help will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on all Saturdays from Feb. 23 through April 5, except March 15. The service will be in room 171 of the Technology Building on the PNC campus. Appointments are required. Walk-ins will not be accommodated unless free time is available at the time a taxpayer arrives. A very limited amount of walk-in time is expected, therefore appointments should be requested.

This is the 19th year that PNC has participated in the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which offers free

filing help to individuals and families with gross incomes of \$40,000 or less. Gross income is income from all sources. Income must come from wages, salaries, tips, pensions, ordinary interest, dividends, unemployment compensation or Social Security benefits.

Thomas Holets, Continuing Lecturer of Accounting and Coordinator the PNC program, said the student VITA volunteers are prepared to help with basic returns, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ, and the Indiana IT-40. Itemized deductions can be included if other qualifications are met, as can Earned Income Credit (EIC) and basic stock and bond transactions. Taxpayers are expected to participate in the e-file program, unless there is some technical reason which prevents e-filing. E-filing (electronic filing) is preferred by the IRS. It is free,

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Commentary

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Editorial

I want my own T.V. reality show *April's World*

By April Hodge

The news staff is going to love the confession I am about to make. In fact, what I'm about to put down in writing for the rest of eternity may really hinder the production of all consequent issues. I'm currently writing this editorial sixteen hours past deadline.

Yep. I'll never hear the end of it now. I have a good reason though, really. The reason why I have such a hard time writing an editorial once a month for this newspaper is that I just can't come up with anything to say.

Well, I do have a lot to say, but I just don't think that a lot of people would be interested; you see, I think I'm pretty boring. In fact, most people have already stopped reading this, or never started due to past editorial-reading experience.

I'd be interested in hearing the psychoanalytical perspective of my seemingly low-opinion of my opinions, but the only time my boring nature disturbs me is when I have to write an editorial.

So, here I am less than fifteen hours away from sending the paper to the publisher and I am struggling with my editorial. This is a desperate attempt to fill this grey box with my own thoughts.

I equate this experi-

ence to that hilarious scene in "Wayne's World" when Wayne quits his show during a live broadcast and Garth is left to sit there with nothing to say or do, but stare at the camera painfully aware that he has no idea what he should be doing.

"I'm having a good time. not." "Ever see Scanners when that dude's head blew up?"

If I had my own T.V. reality show, it would be the cure for insomnia.

It may have a chance though if the setting were in the newspaper office. As far as newspaper offices go, this one can be pretty boring, although the occasional spontaneous badminton game may be started when another staff member beams a shuttlecock at my head.

Well, actually I do have a tremendous art project going on right now. That's kind of exciting. It's a huge compilation of recycled Geico caveman mousepads from the bookstore titled "If Andy Warhol liked fluorescent orange and cavemen." Stop by and see it sometime.

Anyway, there are a lot of interesting conversations that go on here



and more than enough crazy personalities that pop in (really, people have been in here and we've wondered if they were actually crazy). This office seems to be a magnet for the "off-beat" type. Come to think of it, I forgot to update the crazy people count today. You see, we started a running count of how many crazy people come into the office. It started sometime in late October 2007 and is now up to 52 depicted by an algebraic equation on our white board behind the office door. You should come in and see that too - then leave for a couple of minutes - then walk back in and see if the count changed.

Two inches of space left...I'll just make my picture bigger.

LIFE IN HELL

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What do you do between classes?

"I usually go to class early and do homework." ~ Stephanie Galloway, junior, communication major

"I usually do homework between classes," says Amber Bolen, a junior elementary education major. She goes to the vending room on the first floor of the Schwarz Building on campus.

"I hang out with my girlfriend. We eat lunch on campus or at her house." ~ Ryan Curless, senior, communication major.

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Panther Pride or Panther Problem?

Dear Editor,

Engage Me.

There seems to be a recurring problem at my University. The University wants to engage me and it has said that is very important to them. The problem is that for some reason they contact the Student Government Association when they want my opinion and involvement of the students.

The University claims the students are apathetic and this is the reason they have trouble. I would claim that leadership from the University and poor strategy on their part is just as big a part of the problem.

A company would never try to engage the public and blame the failings for the public showing up on them in such a situation. When I want to engage the public of Porter and Laporte counties, I do not call Peter Visclosky, Joe Donnelly, Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh. These are the people that represent those counties

in our over-reaching federal government and have been voted in by the populous. They are representatives of the people, but they are not anyone's personal PR agency. The Student Government is not the personal PR agency of the University or any of its agents.

The very idea to contact these legislators rather than contact individuals more directly as any public marketing campaign is wholly ridiculous. So why is it when the organization that is PNC wants to contact its public, it contacts their legislators instead?

I personally do not understand what sense this makes unless you view the students as employees. People that serve the organization. This is the opposite of the facts. We are students, we are the University's public, and we are what the University is here to serve.

Sincerely,
Cameron Kelly-Johnson

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Movie Review

By Jessica Ring

Long after a gimmick has outlived its usefulness, various individuals or companies will still try to squeeze out the last meager drops of monetary exploitation. The producers of "Meet the Spartans" are no exception.

The strategy of "Meet the Spartans" (whose working title was "Epic Movie 2") is to lure in fans of classic satires or the hugely popular "300" and leave them to die of boredom. The film makes fun of pop culture icons and movies that lack any still-funny capacity. Does anyone think "You Got Served" jokes are still funny?

As weak as the strategy seems, it has obviously worked quite well. "Meet the Spartans" reached number one in box offices, and has grossed 18.5 million dollars.

The box office success defies all logic. The film is a veritable Frankenstein of MadTV and Entertainment Tonight, with a dash of "maybe the writers were



under the influence" for good measure. The acting, even for a spoof movie, was too poor to even sustain one's attention for more than a few seconds at a time. One weak, clichéd, and utterly overdone joke after another bombarded the audience with a storyline that perhaps took half as long to write as this article.

If you absolutely must watch this film, I recommend that you wait until it comes out on DVD. Rent the movie, and clear out your liquor cabinet, because it is the only way "Meet the Spartans" could possibly be amusing.

Game Review

By Jessica Ring

(Preface: In lieu of a book review this month, the author has been absorbed in the world of virtual gaming. However, it is a video game loosely based on a novel, so perhaps all is not lost.)



The widely anticipated and highly-acclaimed "Bioshock" is hands-down one of the most unique games ever produced. Consistently rating between 9/10 by reviewers and critics, the first-person shooter integrates a dystopian society laden with fantastical mutants in an underwater city called Rapture and is loosely based on the philosophy set forth by Ayn Rand in "Atlas Shrugged."

Like most attempted utopian societies, a series of cataclysmic events and a despot of questionable sanity quickly leads Rapture into becoming dystopian and corpse-laden.

Unlike your typical

shoot-'em-up, "Bioshock" allows the use of a creative array of weapons, including injections that allow the character to use "plasmids," DNA-altering substances that give the character powers like telekinesis and the ability to electrocute. The NPCs are highly interactive as well. Instead of merely blowing the head off of an evil robot, one can use the plasmids to "reprogram" the robot to fight for you. In fact, the available combination of weaponry is really a matter of the player's imagination.

The game is a fresh breath of air from the usual military-reenactments or alien-slaughters, and certainly deserving of its media hype and recently-won awards.

CD Review

By Julie Engler

Kravitz heads a weak 'Revolution'

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Just mentioning the words "love" and "revolution" in the same title and any Beatles fan knows what is going on. "I Love the Rain" sounds too much like the Beatles' "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," with its crying, sad lead and backup acoustic strumming over the same, slow tempo drumbeat. But Kravitz is not trying to be the Beatles; he doesn't play any covers on this album.

One thing is for sure and that is that Kravitz still likes his one-hit-wonders - "American

Woman." "Fly Away" - that made some of his previous albums go platinum. Some of his songs have more meat to chew on, but on others, the instrumentation becomes too mechanical.

The first single, "Bring It On," repeats the same guitar riff throughout the song, with a few pauses and a little lead thrown in here and there. This is the traditional formula for Kravitz' radio

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PNC and Michiana Resources Team Up to Host Art Exhibits

"Old Masters" art exhibit will highlight works depicting interpretations of master pieces

The PNC Odyssey 2007-08 Arts and Cultural Events Series will present a series of exhibits featuring the work of artists participating in the Michiana Resources Creative Concepts program. A new show will be featured each month through July.

The first exhibit, "Old Masters Presented by Michiana Resources Creative Concepts" will open Jan. 14 in the PNC Technology Building North Lounge. The artists will be feted at a public reception on Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. in Technology Building Room 134. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This exhibit highlights the works of Creative Concepts artists Ed Galloway, Tonya Floyd, Tracy Seitz, Debbie Hoon, Katie Gill, James Lentner and Matt Kier and their interpretations of the paintings of Old Masters such as Jackson Pollock, Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin. As the students worked with each Old Master's painting, they learned about the style and expression that was used and they experimented with new techniques.

Michiana Resources, a non-for-profit organization, works together with people with disabilities to enhance their lives through employment and education. Creative Concepts exposes indi-

viduals with disabilities to visual art, theatre, music and dance.

Creative Concepts is under the direction of Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, the arts coordinator and instructor. Tokoly-Rothermel shares her past experience as a public school art teacher and enthusiasm for art with her Michiana Resources artists. She is pursuing her Master of Arts degree in Art Therapy and looks forward to the growth of Creative Concepts.

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Artist Ralph Piechocki stands next to his painting. His and other works of art from the "Portraits of People" exhibit are displayed on campus in the Technology building north study lounge.

The "Portraits of People" exhibit showcases artwork by people with disabilities

The PNC Odyssey 2007-08 Arts and Cultural Events Series continues its ongoing exhibit featuring the work of the Michiana Resources Creative Concepts artists with the new show, Portraits of People.

The Creative Concepts artwork is on display in the PNC Technology Building North Study Lounge. The artists were featured at a public reception on Feb. 6. The exhibit may continue to be viewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A new Creative Concepts show will be featured each month through July.

Portraits of People is a collection of eight paintings, one clay relief and one drawing. This collection was selected and prepared under the direction of Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, Creative Concepts arts coordinator and instructor.

This exhibit highlights the works of Creative Concepts artists Ralph Piechocki, Glenn Ramp, Colleen Neulieb, Rebecca Wanmer, Julie Sarabun, Mike Rekowski, Bobby Jackson and Tyrone

Spikes. Two group projects will also be displayed. Michiana Resources, a non-for-profit organization based in Michigan City, works with people with disabilities to enhance their lives through employment and education. Creative Concepts exposes individuals with disabilities to visual art, theatre, music and dance.

An area of the Michiana Resources facility at 4315 E. Michigan Boulevard, in Michigan City, is being remodeled and refurbished to accommodate the growing Creative Concepts program. When completed, the facility will include a new art studio, gallery and gift shop. All of the Creative Concept art is displayed throughout the Michiana Resource building and can be viewed from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30

p.m., weekdays.

The art displayed at PNC and at Michiana Resources is for sale. Half of all sales go to the artist, the other back into the program.

The Creative Concepts participants recently completed a month-long study of modern and classical dances. Everyone enjoyed learning a broad range of dances from "The Chicken" to "The Cha-Cha Slide." Tokoly-Rothermel shared her love of dancing along with her volunteer Paula Beuchley who formerly worked together in the Michigan City Area Schools.

"We will be reviewing all that we have learned, as well as adding some new dances in May before our

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College Goal Sunday

PNC will join the state College Goal Sunday event for all college-bound students and their families. The event will take place on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. in LSF 144.

College Goal Sunday is a 19-year-old statewide program that provides free financial aid information and assistance to all students seeking admission to any college, university or technical institution. The event helps ensure that students get the help they need in understanding and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The event is open to potential students of all ages and all potential students are encouraged to attend.

College Goal Sunday presents an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet with financial aid professionals. The PNC financial aid staff will be on hand to help those wanting to complete the FAFSA at that time. There will also be a Spanish language interpreter available to assist our

Spanish speaking population as well. Copies of the FAFSA will be issued and completed during the program. Students who will file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov will also be instructed how to do so during the program.

"The FAFSA is required for consideration for federal and state-sponsored financial aid including Pell grants, student loans, Indiana Higher Education awards, Twenty First Century Scholar awards, and many scholarships," said Bryant Dabney, PNC director of Financial Aid.

The priority deadline for filing the FAFSA must be completed and received by the federal processor by March 10 to be considered for the above-mentioned programs.

Those wanting assistance filling out the FAFSA form should bring all 2007 Federal tax forms (1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ), W-2 forms, and any other household income information to the program for both parent(s) and student. Please

note, if 2007 taxes are not yet completed, we will still be able to estimate income data based on either 2006 tax data or current W-2 forms. Students should also bring any financial aid forms they have received from the colleges and universities where they intend to apply.

College Goal Sunday is sponsored by the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA), in cooperation with the Learn More Resource Center, the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI), and the Twenty-first Century Scholars program. It is co-funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., Lumina Foundation for Education and USA Funds, three Indiana-based non-profit organizations with interest in higher education.

For more information on College Goal Sunday or on financial assistance in general, contact the PNC Financial Aid Office at 800-872-1231, ext. 5460 or finaid@pnc.edu or visit the College Goal Sunday Web site at CollegeGoalSunday.org

facebook.

Police are using it to bust underage drinkers

By Amanda Martin

Last month, ABC News reported that a group of individuals in Lombard, Ill. were arrested for underage drinking. According to the station's web page, a Lombard county sheriff came across pictures of local high school students drinking while looking at their pages on Facebook. Nineteen students were identified in the photos and four students were arrested. Eleven of the 19 were affiliated with sports and were suspended for twenty percent of their seasons.

Police officers are now being trained on how to use Facebook to help track underage drinking parties. Campus police nationwide have been

cracking down on underage drinking at campuses everywhere. According to an article written in 2006 by Katie Maulbetsch, an editorial intern at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign,

Facebook, all the time for potential criminal acts including underage drinking, suspect information and victim information."

According to New York Times web page, in January 2006, George Washington University students fought back against the police after one of their parties had been busted the year before. The students spread the word on Facebook about a party that was going to happen and when the police showed up

they were met with students enjoying cookies and cakes. Tracy Schario, a university spokesman, stated that noise complaints led the police to both parties. She also said that once the information was

"By putting something on the internet you are exposing yourself." - junior, Dan Medesi

"Police at Purdue University are reportedly being trained on how to use Facebook to track underage drinking at parties."

In an article by Rachel Walker in The University Echo Online, Mac McNeely, chief of police at UTC, said, "I look on

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Annual Hyde Park Forum Speech Contest

Contest kicks off April 2 with the Speak Off to follow on April 4

Speak-Off!

Each of the students who won awards in their individual rooms in the Hyde Park Forum are invited back to present their talks for a lunch-time crowd.

Cash awards are given to the top three speakers, as determined by a panel of four judges.

The Speech Contest and Speak Off! are open to the public.

For more information, contact Professor Dan Wilbur, Technology building 272, Ext. 5472, or the Department of Communication Office, Technology building 269, Ext. 5253.

For years at the Speaker's Corner in London's Hyde Park, all kinds of people have been free to set up soap boxes and speak their minds to pedestrians on any subject while responding to inquisitors and hecklers.

The Hyde Park Forum is an exciting annual speech contest held each spring on campus. The contest is open to all PNC full- or part-time students. Here's what happens in each of the classrooms:

each of 8-10 contestants gives a short persuasive speech and responds for two minutes to questions from the audience. Three or four judges determine first, second, and third place speakers.

All awards are presented at an Awards Ceremony immediately after all speeches are completed. All speakers will receive a Certificate of Achievement. All first place room winners compete in the "Speak Off!" a few days later.

PNC Offers Non-Credit Digital Photography Courses

PNC Office of Continuing Education is offering a three-day non-credit introductory class on digital photography.

"A Guide to Digital Photography" will meet at PNC - Porter County at 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso, on Thursdays, Feb. 21 to March 6 from 6 to 8:40 p.m. The registration fee is \$129. An additional book fee of \$20 also applies.

This class will cover the basics of digital cameras, including basic camera settings, adjusting to

various lighting situations, changing resolution and photo composition. This course will also include an overview of the capabilities common to most digital cameras and will not concentrate on any one specific camera type or brand.

To register for this course or other non-credit courses, contact the Office of Continuing Education at PNC - Porter County at (219) 531-4200, ext. 4207, or visit online at

<http://www.pnc.edu/ce> to register online.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact PNC - Porter County.



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(Submit to Professor Dan Wilbur, TECH 272 or Department of Communication, TECH 264)

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Street Address _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Speaker ☐ OR Timer ☐

If Speaker: Speech TOPIC (Be Specific) _____

Speech TITLE (Be Inventive) _____

Speech Instructor (Current or Past) _____

Former HYDE PARK 1st Place Winner? Yes ☐ No ☐

Interested in an "advanced speaker" division, if available Yes ☐ No ☐

Any audio video equipment needed? Yes ☐ No ☐



Lyndsie Daikhi

THE LEFT AND RIGHT OF THINGS



Jonathan Sichtermann

Democrats Plan Ways to Boost the Economy

Economy Tops Voters' Concerns

According to some polls, the economy is one of the most important aspects of the upcoming election, second only to the war in Iraq. The Democratic front runners have explored plans to bolster the economy, which is said to be in a recession.

The leading Democratic presidential candidates have proposed actions to spur the economy with one-time tax rebates, expanded unemployment benefits, money to prevent home foreclosures and assistance for state and local governments.

Hillary Clinton
Although many people believe that Hillary Clinton will be a rubber stamp of the same policies that her husband had,

Clinton has laid out an economic plan that is very different than that of Bill Clinton. There are three main components in Hillary Clinton's approach to the economy. First, she would roll back the Bush tax cuts for households that have incomes over \$250,000 and create more tax breaks for families making less than that threshold. She would then impose closer scrutiny on financial markets that include investments being made by foreign governments in the United States. To bolster the economy, she would increase spending on job-creating projects like the development of alternative energy.

Many opponents say that Hillary's tax increas-

es on the rich and her spending proposals would increase the deficit, but according to her advisers, she is a fiscal conservative. They also say that Hillary believes that reducing the deficit is no longer enough.

Hillary also wants to change the tax code to middle-class Americans better. She has also proposed tax credits for college tuition, retirement savings, health care and alternative energy use, most of which would go to lower and middle-income families.

Barack Obama
Obama would implement similar goals for the economy if he were to be elected to the presidency.

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"It's the economy, stupid!"

That's how Bill Clinton put it when he ended the first Bush presidency in 1992, and in all recent polls the economy tops voters' concerns heading into the February 5 Super Tuesday primaries. So how do the Republican candidates plan to deal with a sagging economy that could be heading toward a recession?

Billionaire businessman Mitt Romney rode economic concerns (and a little favored son sentiment) to victory in the Michigan primary on January 15. His economic plans include an end to the death tax. Republicans have long riled against the inheritance tax, which they say is now causing many small farmers to lose their farmland when they pass

away. PNC economics professor Sam Pavel disagrees. He says that the inheritance tax was originally designed "to prevent the landed aristocracy of England." He grew up on a farm and points out that the farm has been incorporated with each of the children being a shareholder. That way when his parents are ready to pass the farm to the children, there are no tax consequences.

Also, Romney wants to lower the corporate tax rate which he maintains would be an incentive to keep jobs in America and would boost productivity. Of the industrialized nations, only Japan has a higher corporate tax rate and he, along with other Republicans, says that is a reason for so many jobs leaving the country.

Like his chief rival John McCain, Romney also advocates making the Bush tax cuts permanent. Arizona senator John McCain has the distinction of being one of only two Republicans to vote against the Bush tax cuts. He justifies this vote by pointing out that the tax cuts did not include subsequent spending cuts, which he predicted would lead to a budget deficit.

Of all the GOP candidates, he has been the most outspoken against wasteful government spending. He has vowed to veto every pork-barrel spending bill that comes before him. Part of his economic plan would be to eliminate the alternative minimum tax

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The Chance For Change

"In the end, that's what this election is about. Do we participate in a politics of cynicism or a politics of hope?"

"You can't turn Washington inside out if you're a Washington insider."

By Jonathan Sichtermann

These two quotes, the first from Senator Barrack Obama (D, Ill.) and the second from former Governor Mitt Romney (R, Mass.), are just some of the ubiquitous references to "change" in this presidential election. But why the sudden focus on change? As New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson put it, "since when has experience become a leper?"

The fact that a woman and an African-American scored primary victories is change. It was not long ago when the question "who will be the next President?" conjured up images of another faceless white man, but physical appearance is hardly the only "change" candidates are talking about. The Republican field is not filled with typical GOP candidates either. One is a Baptist preacher, another is a maverick who has made a 20 year career out of giving his party brass headaches in the Senate, while another is a billionaire who has won exactly one election (as Massachusetts governor). To be noted, this is the first time that neither party has had an incumbent president or vice president to rally around since

President Calvin Coolidge decided not to run for reelection in 1928.

This is not the first time candidates have run campaigns promoting themselves as Washington outsiders capable of ending partisan bickering by bringing meaningful change to the capital. That was Governor Bush's mantra in 2000 as he cited his ability to work with Democrats in the Texas legislature. He vowed to "be a uniter, not a divider" and end the partisanship that characterized the Clinton Administration. That's the same Clinton who ran against the current president's father as the fresh-faced governor from Hope, Ariz., offering hope to the nation. In fact, in the 1970s Richard Nixon ran as the Republican who would end the big government liberalism of the Johnson Administration and bring an end to the Vietnam War. Nixon was even greeted at his inauguration by ardent supporters carrying signs reading "Unite us." Yeah, that worked.

The candidates' statements should not be met with runaway cynicism, however. There have been times of great political change in our nation's history. Depending on the reader's personal political

By Jonathan Sichtermann

February 5, 2008, gave America its first taste of a nationwide primary, and what an event it was. On the GOP side, it was a day of surprises and disappointments, though the campaigns were hesitant to admit the latter.

Coming into the evening, Ariz. Sen. John McCain had the most to gain. With a big night he would be coronated the presumptive nominee and could begin concentrating on his eventual opponent in the general election. Overall, it was a good night for McCain, but not quite as successful as he would have hoped. He racked up an impressive number of delegates by nearly sweeping the winner-take-all states including victories in N.Y., N.J., and Miss. Of those winner-take-all victories, N.Y. produced the most delegates with 101, but Miss. perhaps could provide the largest bounce. It was his only southern victory on Super Tuesday and it is the ultimate bell weather state in the general election-in the past one hundred years, the eventual President has failed to carry the "Show Me" state only once.

The largest surprise of the night was the tremendous showing of former Ark. Gov. Mike Huckabee. During the week leading up to Election Day conservative talk-radio show hosts lambasted McCain as being too liberal and urged voters to ditch Huckabee in favor of Mitt Romney. As Rush Limbaugh put it, "a vote for Huckabee is a vote for McCain." In the end,

Super Tuesday

Huckabee swept through the south and hurt both McCain's and Romney's campaigns. By carrying every southern state except Miss., Huckabee hammered home the perceived discord between McCain and social conservatives. As he said in his speech at his campaign headquarters, "over the past few days a lot of people have been trying to say that this is a two man race. Well you know, it is and we're in it!" Moving forward, Huckabee is unlikely to see the same type of success as he saw on Super Tuesday. It is unlikely that he will win the nomination, but he could still remain a major player. With his obvious appeal to southern voters he could help heal the mistrust between McCain and the conservative base if he were the vice presidential nominee. Also, he could be

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By Lyndsie Daikhi

In what was the closest thing that the United States has to a national primary, the clear-cut results that were supposed to be shown when the results were tallied did not come to light. In the Democratic race Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama split the delegate votes nearly down the middle.

In a tally done by the New York Times, the extreme closeness in the popular vote can be seen. Clinton won 7,427,700 votes, or 48.83 percent, Obama won 7,369,798 votes, or 48.45 percent and Edwards, who is no longer in the race, won 411,740 votes, or 2.70 percent. Even without counting the votes won by Edwards, the vote would still have been extremely close. Clinton won 50.19 percent and Obama won 49.80 percent.

Clinton however, had what her camp believes are

big victories in California and her adopted home state of New York. Clinton won all of the large states with the exception of Illinois, Obama's home state. The most important victory was the win in California, which nudged her ahead of Obama in the delegate counts.

Obama won 13 states including Ill., Ga., Conn., Minn., Utah, Miss., Del., Ala., N.D., Kan., Colo., Idaho and Ala.

Latino voters and women showed their force by backing Clinton which led her to victory in California, while Obama was helped in the southern states with the support of African Americans.

If nothing more can be learned from the Super Tuesday primaries, it should be obvious that the American electorate has not made, and will not make, its collective mind up until it is good and ready.

The Bush Package

By Lyndsie Daikhi

In an attempt to prevent a recession that most see as imminent, President Bush has created an economic stimulus package.

The House has already approved one version that would provide checks of up to \$600 for individuals and up to \$1200 for couples filing jointly. It would give people with earned incomes less than \$3000 slightly smaller amounts, \$300. For families with children, there would be an additional \$300 per child.

The House package would also provide short-term tax breaks for business-

es to encourage spending and investment.

The Senate has a slightly different plan giving \$500 per individual, \$1000 per couple and \$300 per child. The Senate plan would allow for more people to receive the tax benefits, including about 20 million low-income families, people living on Social Security benefits, and about 250,000 veterans dependent on government benefits, unlike the House plan which is aimed more toward the employed.

Amid controversy, the Senate also modified an earlier version of their plan that denied

rebates to any individuals not having a valid Social Security number for themselves, their spouse, or their children, making it impossible for any illegal immigrants to benefit.

Under pressure from administration, both houses have promised to get the bill to the president by Feb. 15. However, the package has run into several speed bumps. Senate Republicans said that would block the \$157 billion package that the Senate Democrats have supported forcing the Democrats to adopt the cheaper plan that was approved by the House.

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PNC Baseball Prepares For First Game

By Jesse Cartagena

Practices continue at Marquette High School for the Purdue North Central baseball team. The team is preparing for the first game of the season on February 22 against Georgetown College in Kentucky. PNC will be taking part in a tournament hosted by Georgetown. Competition continues the following day against Seton Hill College and Urbana College.

PNC lost its four starting infielders from last year as well as two starting pitchers, but the current players, including four transfers and nine freshmen, look to

step up and fill the void. The transfer of Daniel Moore from New Prairie, first baseman, and Evan Walter from South Central, and pitcher Steve Moore from New Prairie. Infielder Evan Walter from South Central, and pitcher Steve Moore from New Prairie. Infielder Evan Walter from South Central, and pitcher Steve Moore from New Prairie.

Members of the PNC baseball team. Outfielder John Bugajski from Munster, infielder R.J. Zambrano from Merrillville, outfielder Shane Breitzke from Chesterton, outfielder Kevin Zolper from Boone

grove, first baseman Daniel Moore from New Prairie, infielder Evan Walter from South Central, and pitcher Steve Moore from New Prairie.

The PNC baseball team will receive tutelage from a new coach, Steve Plucinski. "Plu" was a pitcher under Head Coach John Weber at Lakeland College and also played for Arizona University. One of his accomplishments includes a 22 strike-out performance at Lakeland, an NCAA record.

2008 Baseball Preview with Head Coach John Weber

By Amanda Martin

According to Coach John Weber, there are going to be a lot of opportunities for players to step up and produce on this year's PNC baseball team.

"We have a complete team and injuries off the field and other events leave the line up wide open," Weber said. "Only four or five spots are secured. The strength of this team is that there is good depth. The group is team oriented, self

motivated, and hard working."

"Last year's entire infield graduated," Weber continued, "and we lost two of our three top pitchers. We also had two players sign pro contracts, Steve Hudson and Steve Georgian, the team's first baseman and shortstop."

Be sure to go out this spring and support the PNC Panther Baseball team!

Good Luck in the 2008 Season!



John Weber

2007-08 Panther Baseball Schedule - TBA

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Fri.	2/22	Georgetown College (DH)	4 p.m.	Georgetown, KY
Sat.	2/23	Seton Hill College Urbana College	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	Georgetown, KY
Sat.	3/1	Iowa Wesleyan Hannibal LaGrange	1 p.m. ? 4 p.m.	Hannibal, MO
Sun.	3/2	Iowa Wesleyan (DH)	1 p.m.	Mount Pleasant, IA
Tues.	3/4	Goshen College (DH)	1:00pm	HOME
Fri.- Sun.	3/7- 3/16	Spring Break Tournament (TBA)	TBA	Clearwater, FL
Fri.	3/7	Travel Day		Clearwater, FL
Sat.	3/8	TBA	TBA	Clearwater, FL
Sun.	3/9	TBA	TBA	Clearwater, FL
Mon.	3/10	Eckerd College	3:30pm	Clearwater, FL
Tues.	3/11	Salem State College Wamer Southern College	10 am TBA	Clearwater, FL Lake Wales, FL
Wed.	3/12	TBA	TBA	Clearwater, FL
Thur.	3/13	Salem State College Southern Virginia University	10 am 1 pm	Clearwater, FL
Fri.	3/14	Dordt College (DH)	TBA	Clearwater, FL
Sat.	3/15	Webber International University	12 pm	Babson Park, FL
Sun.	3/16	Travel Day		Clearwater, FL
Tues.	3/18	Grace College	3:00pm	HOME
Wed.	3/19	University of IL-Chicago	3:00pm	Chicago, IL
Fri.	3/21	Ashford University (DH)	1:00pm	HOME
Sat.	3/22	Robert Morris College (DH)	12:00pm	HOME
Tues.	3/25	Olivet Nazarene University (DH)	1:00pm	Bourbonnais, IL
Thur.	3/27	Kalamazoo Valley CC (JV, DH)	2 p.m.	Home
Sat.	3/29	Calumet College of St. Joseph (DH)	12:00pm	HOME
Sun.	3/30	Illinois Institute of Technology (DH)	12:00pm	Chicago, IL

Panthers Hoopsters Wind Down

The PNC Basketball squad is winding down its hard-fought, but dismal season, as it looks forward to its final five games, which include a

trio of home stands.

The team has had its moments where everything seemed to be "gel'n", under first-year coach Kris Schnatz, and even the most critical fans admit that, given its sometimes stellar defense and a talented group of scorers, can call it all a "building year." Nevertheless, going into Saturday's (Feb 9) home court meeting with Indiana University-Northwest, the Panthers are 4 and 21, 0 and 8 in conference.

It's most recent outing, at home against St. Joseph's College of Calumet, saw the Panther downed 76-60 (final stats unavailable at press time).

Prior to that game, the team lost 98-86 to host Judson

University Saturday, Feb. 2, in Elgin, IL.

Things looked bleak for PNC as they fell behind 44-30 at intermission. But the Panthers outscored Judson 56-54 in a wild second half to keep the game close.

PNC made 33 of 73 attempts overall but just one of nine three-pointers and 19 of 27 free throws. Judson finished 33 of 61 overall, including nine of 28 three's and 23 of 30 free throws.

The Panthers also won the rebounding battle 38-36 and only committed 11 turnovers while forcing 12 by the Eagles.

PNC was led by senior Terry Polk with 30 points and senior Adam Dobrzeniecki with 29 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Brian Bogus added 16 points and led the Panthers with four assists.

The Panthers conclude the season with games with Trinity Christian College, in Palos Heights Feb. 13, Purdue Calumet, at home Saturday, Feb. 16, Cardinal Stritch University, in Milwaukee Feb. 20, and Trinity International University, at home Saturday, Feb. 23.

By Jesse Cartagena

Unless you live under a rock and have completely avoided any means of communication, you have already heard that the New York Giants upset the undefeated favorite New England Patriots to win Super Bowl XLII, 17-14.

Not only did the Giants have to deal with a perfect 18-0 New England team, they also had to overcome a half-time deficit. History has shown that teams losing at the half have only been 7-34

in coming back to win. Not to mention losing by four with fewer than four minutes to play in the game.

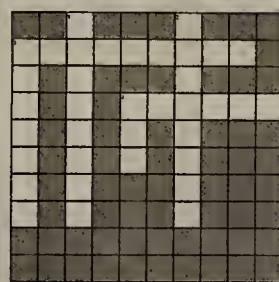
Still with strong defense, crucial third down conversions by quarterback Eli Manning, and an incredible 32 yard catch on the winning drive by receiver David Tyree, the Giants were able to outplay Tom Brady and the rest of the Patriots to further intensify the New York-Boston sports rivalry.

Manning, the younger brother of Indianapolis

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, won the Super Bowl MVP, an award earned by his big brother just a year ago.

"This is where you want to be, honestly. The situation you want to be in is down four where you have to score a touchdown. If you're down three you might settle for a field goal. You'd rather be down four where you need to get a touchdown to win the game or win the Super Bowl. You couldn't write a better script," said (Eli) Manning.

Superbowl XLII

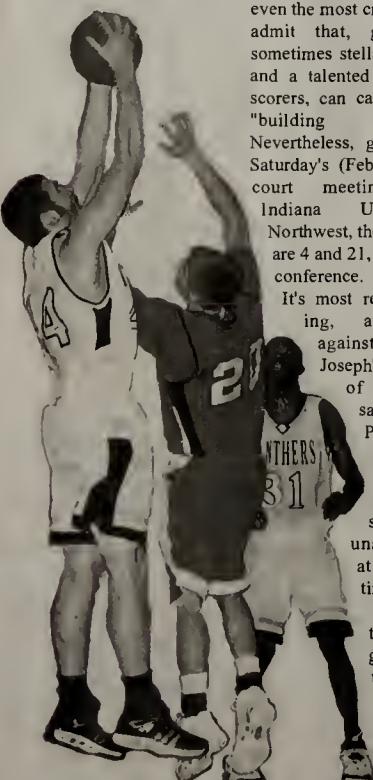
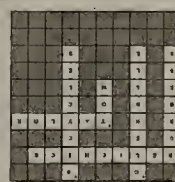


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2. used to power thirty minutes of the Superbowl Pro-Game Show
3. caught the winning touchdown pass
4. first name of New York's head coach

Across

1. last name of New England's head coach
2. last name of the player who received the Walter Payton Award



Pictured from left: PNC senior Adam Dobrzeniecki #44, IUSB junior Derrick DeShone #20, and PNC senior Terry Polk #31.



PNC Panther senior Brian Bogus #2 gives IUSB Titans junior Tyler Leighton #22 an on-the-court lesson in defense.

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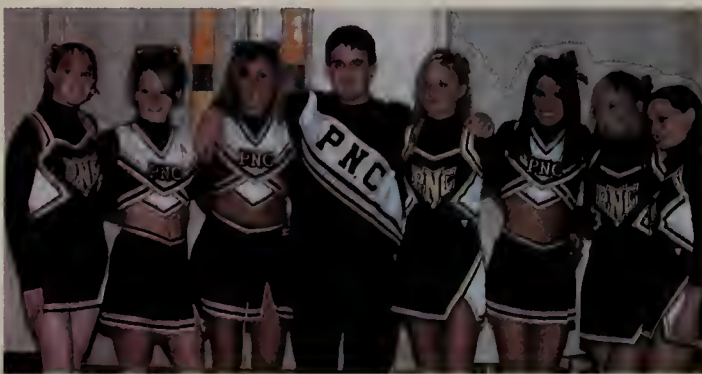
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FEBRUARY 11-16

Monday, February 11

Club Callout, LSF 144, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12

Black and Gold Day

Thursday, February 14

Jason LeVasseur, Guitarist/Singer, LSF 144, 11:00 a.m.—1 p.m.

Saturday, February 16

Purdue North Central vs. Purdue Calumet Men's Basketball
Game at the Scholl Center in Michigan City - 1:00 p.m. tip-off

- Halftime Entertainment—the Jesse White Tumbling Team



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Rave Alert: PNC Announces New Wireless Notification System

By Jonita Davis

"Alert: This is not a test. Due to severe weather, all PNC classes and activities at all locations are cancelled for February 27, 2009."

PNC Police got their first real emergency, a chance to test the system, one week before it went online for the entire campus. The heavy snows during the last week of February provided the perfect situation for a true system test. The text message above went out to the cell phones student beta testers.

But, that is how it was intended to work. When the company, Rave Inc., was founded in 2004, there was a need for an alert system for colleges and universities. Many colleges already had bells and sirens; however, there was nothing to warn the students who were on their way to campus, or outside the buildings between classes. Even then, most

students did not know what the sirens meant. The answer to their dilemma was already in students' pockets. It was a cell phone.

"The mobile phone has become like a pair of keys-you never leave home without it," said Raju Rishi, chief strategy officer and co-founder of Rave Wireless Inc. Rishi and his cohorts capitalized on this dependence to create their emergency alert system which is being adopted by colleges throughout the country.

The Rave alert system works by sending out a simultaneous text message and email to each student registered for the program. The goal is to ensure that students inside, outside, and even those who are on their way to campus know when there is an emergency taking place. The system is being used by

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Extra Photos on Photobucket

The Voice dumps any unused photos into an online account. Just go to Photobucket.com and search for our username thepncvoice to see all these wonderful (or not so wonderful) photos.

Brown Bag Series

"Celebration of Disability Diversity" with Jodi James, coordinator and Karen Donah, visiting assistant professor of American Sign Language. Together they will explore diversity found within the disability community & the impact on the future on Wed. 3/19 from noon - 12:45 in LSF 144.

Readers' Theatre

COM 240 will present the 20th Anniversary Performances of Readers' Theatre "A Journey In Time" on March 31 at 11:30 a.m. and Apr. 6 at 2:30 p.m. in LSF 02.

Chancellor's Open Office Hours

Chancellor Dworkin's next open office hours are Fri. March 21 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Schwarz 137.

Books & Coffee

Bob Mellin presents "At the Shores" by Thomas Rogers on Wed. 3/19 from noon - 1 p.m. in LSF 02. The program contains a 30-40 minute presentation of the book followed by a 20-30 minute discussion period. Free and open to the public. Contact Sara Gerend, ext. 5529, sgerend@pnc.edu

PNC Forms Strategic Plan Committees

By Jonathan Sichterhmann

PNC is currently in the process of developing a new strategic plan that will carry the campus forward through 2013. To do this, eight working groups have been formed which cover a variety of topics: the student experience, large scale research and infrastructure, economic development, quality of life in the workplace, globalization, campus design, synergies between science/engineering and liberal arts/social sciences, and attracting new students to STEM careers.

In addition to the eight working groups, a steering committee was charged with the task of developing new mission and values statements, an effort that is now close to being completed. The latest versions of those two statements can be found by going to the Strategic Plan Blog located via the PNC Portal.

The steering committee will now turn its attention to the work done by the eight working groups. Four of those groups presented their white paper drafts to the steering committee on Feb. 29, while the other four presented on March 7.

The economic development working group is chaired by Alan Krabbenhoft, dean of the College of Business. Dr. Krabbenhoft said his committee's priority was to create a center for economic development which "would place PNC in the heart of discussions and

movements related to economic development within the region."

The globalization working group, chaired by Rex Morrow, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, felt PNC needed to provide a coordinator of international experiences. In addition to the creation of a coordinator of international experiences, Dr. Morrow's group said that PNC must develop more study abroad opportunities as well as international faculty exchanges. Dr. Morrow said this is crucial because "since September 11, it has become more difficult for foreign students to study in America, and for American students to study abroad. Other nations have been taking international students that would traditionally come to the U.S." Finally, Dr. Morrow suggested that PNC begin an annual week-long program of highlighting one region of the world. This one week festival would include movies, speakers, and native food to highlight the culture of that particular region.

Dr. Chris Holford, professor of biology and chair of the large scale research and infrastructure working group, advocated the establishment of a center for research which would serve as a liaison to sponsored programs in West Lafayette and provide information about what grants are available. His committee also suggested that PNC provide paid assistantships for students for research opportunities, as well as research opportunities in general education

courses and in the other degree curricula. This could be accomplished through senior capstone courses.

There has been much talk recently of the need for more buildings on campus. Steve Turner, associate vice chancellor for administration and facilities and chair of the campus design working group dealt with this issue. He said that the campus would target an activities building first, followed closely by a science building. Once these two buildings are constructed, a renovation of Schwarz Hall would be undertaken.

There were other issues of more immediate concern addressed by his working group. Turner said the first order of business would be to measure the campus energy use, and then begin a process of moving toward alternative forms of energy. The Campus Design Committee also cited the need to convert each classroom into a smart room, and the possible purchase of land to the east of PNC.

The job of the steering committee now turns to condensing the eight white papers into one workable strategic plan. On Wednesday, March 19, the committees will hold an open forum to present their findings. It is strongly encouraged that all students and staff who can attend do so. This plan will greatly affect PNC for the next five years and will go a long way in determining how much growth this campus experiences both in terms of facilities and academic programs.

Indiana First Lady To Visit PNC

First Lady Cheri Daniels is visiting PNC on March 24 to address the issues of heart disease concerning women.

Daniels' educational program, called Heart to Heart, encourages women to make simple lifestyle changes to help prevent the most serious threat to their health.

The program is designed to inform women about the basics of preventing heart disease with a section highlighting campus and community resources designed to help individuals live healthier lives.

Attendees will be able to take advantage of free heart health screenings before and after the program, as well as browse a collection of local resources.

Please arrive early to get screened and learn about locally available support for heart healthy living. The program will take place in the Assembly Hall, Library-Student-Faculty building in room 02.

In a letter describing this upcoming program, Daniels stated:



The First Lady of Indiana, Cheri Daniels is speaking out about heart disease and its effects on women.

Indiana, I care very deeply about the health and well-being of our state. Many of you may know that heart disease is the number-one killer in our state and our nation—more than all cancers combined. You may also know that heart disease kills more women than men each year, and yet many women are unaware of this statistic. Fortunately, heart disease is almost completely preventable with simple lifestyle changes, and the college years are some of the best times to initiate these changes."

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Editorial

Rebellious Smokers on Campus

An explanation on how they tie into my sci-fi and fantasy class

By April Hodge

So, as we know, campus is tobacco-free and has been since The Ban of November 15.

When The Ban went into effect, I expected rebels. I was actually disappointed. I expected to approach a bathroom and find wisps of smoke floating out from under the doors that would completely engulf me once I ventured in, but I didn't. I expected to find a trail of cigarette butts forming a sidewalk from the parking lots to the buildings, but I didn't. I expected to venture behind a building and find a growing mass of discarded cigarettes smoldering like a tire fire with a bunch of tobacco-starved people inhaling hyperventilatingly around it, but I didn't.

However, I have encountered hints of the elusive rebel. I've spotted the occasional plastic hottle or pop can in the garbage with a couple inches of chewed-

and-spat tobacco oozing out onto the other less sinful rubbish. Upon venturing outside, my nose has picked up faint odors of burnt tobacco, benzene, formaldehyde, and tar (a.k.a cigarette smoke), but no rebel agent is ever spotted.

I've been able to draw three possible conclusions from the noticeable lack of tobacco rebels on the PNC campus:

1. Most people on campus don't use tobacco, so The Ban didn't really affect them.
2. Those who are tobacco-addicted are used to the idea that there are going to be times in their lives when their school isn't acceptable (school functions, movie theaters, church meetings, hospital visits, public transportation, and grocery shopping, to name a few) and they can deal with that fact and simply smoke or chew at another time.
3. Tobacco users can turn

invisible. Perhaps all of the toxic chemicals found in tobacco products have altered their DNA and we can't spot one because of this secret invisibility capability.

The last explanation seems to make the most sense. I attended all of those hotly-debated smoking forums and there is no way those tobacco users would hase down from The Man.

There was an interesting question floating around campus last year. If you could have the ability to either be invisible or stop time, which would you choose? When asked, I chose stopping time. I believe the smokers made their choice pretty clear



Panther Pride or Panther Problem?

Dear Editor,

Originally posted online at thepncvoice.com 2/16/08

This is Black History Month, a time to appreciate the achievements of the African American race. To that end, I would like comment on an event, which succeeded in doing anything but honor the spirit of the Month.

As, the only African American student in the audience for the presentation, I cannot let this pass without comment. Let me give you a short version of the events. PNC's English Honor Society, sigma Tau Delta, made a presentation Tuesday (February 12) in celebration of Black History month. Without any introduction, the group launched into a reading of two short story excerpts. One reading, "Sweat" by Zora Neale Hurston, was divided into several parts and given to the seated audience to read aloud while the Sigma Tau's looked on.

Those unfamiliar with Hurston's work must know that she captured the true black experience during a time when such a thing was not accepted. The language that her characters spoke was a thick dialect spoken in the African American

community at the time. It is very dissimilar to that spoken today, but it was a part of her statement on the culture. "Sweat" is notorious for such dialogue.

The audience for the Sigma Tau presentation was not only forced to struggle through an unfamiliar dialect, they were never given an explanation as to why such speech was significant. The English Honors representatives never explained the importance of Hurston's quest to capture in words, the true life of black people during the 1920's and 30's. They failed to explain that Hurston was one of the great artists that burst onto the literary scene during the Harlem Renaissance. Instead, the English Honors Society packed up after the reading and left without a word. (With, I might add, smiles of satisfaction on their faces.) Fortunately, during the next class meeting, the professor of the confused audience did a great job of presenting information on Hurston and her work.

To the English Honor Society: you are the elite among the undergrads in the English field. You should have enlightened with your black history month presentation, something that you failed to do. You seem to have forgotten

that the role of an English scholar is not to simply read the words, but to study them. We must support discourse that stems from that study as well as the context that create them, and the meaning the words represent.

Hurston's piece had great significance; it had a place in a black history salute. However, you did a disservice to not only the author, but also other English scholars. You chose not to engage the audience after the reading, something that your chosen work warranted. Sadly, the text's significance was lost in the effort to add to the English Society's extracurricular roster.

In the future, please put more thought and effort into what you do. You represent the elite amongst us. You should know how to present a piece of literature, especially one that is to be a part of a celebratory event.

As Black History Month continues, we must remember that the entire month was set aside to honor and uplift the African American culture. If this is beyond your capabilities, please do nothing. You will offend (and confuse) a lot less people that way.

Sincerely,
Jonita Davis

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"It's a simple procedure. I'm blindfolded, spun around and then I attempt to reattach your tail."

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Memorial Service Remembers 150 Killed Monkeys

By Lauren Vettel

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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - A group of animal rights activists from the Alliance for Animals Primate Freedom Project commemorated the 10th anniversary of the deaths of 150 monkeys at Henry Vilas Zoo Saturday.

The monkeys lived in the zoo's monkey house hut functioned as research animals for the UW-Madison's Wisconsin National Primate Research Center.

The monkeys died in 1998 after a whistleblower revealed UW researchers were subjecting them to suffering in their experiments, often selling them to labs around the country afterward. The National Institutes of Health responded by terminating funding for the monkeys' care and for related research programs and then-dean Virginia Henshaw told reporters the university would need to relocate the monkeys immediately.

A refuge in San Antonio offered to donate \$30,000 for transportation and care of the monkeys, but the university deemed the location inadequate

and sent the monkeys to Tulane University.

Instead of allowing the monkeys to remain in their family groups, Tulane researchers separated the monkeys into quarantine, a form of solitary confinement. The

"I think it's really important that we stand here, as bearing witness, even if no one else were here." - Lynn Pauley

researchers allegedly subjected the animals to scientific testing, which resulted in their deaths.

According to the Alliance for Animals, on three separate occasions the university promised in writing to spare the monkeys from harmful experiments.

Primate Freedom Project Leader Rick Bogle said he believes the National Institutes of Health worked with the university to sell the animals, thereby avoiding responsibility for

the deaths.

Bogle's wife Lynn Pauley said the memorial helped remember the monkeys' deaths and the animal rights cause.

"I think it's really important that we stand here, as bearing witness, even if no one else were here," Pauley said.

WNPRC director Dr. Joseph Kennitz said in a statement the former colony benefited researchers at the time, but the university decided to withdraw the program because of funding decreases, breeding problems and inbreeding concerns. He called the university's comments at the time of the transfer "ill-advised."

The WNPRC receives full accreditation from the American Association for the Accreditation of Animal Care International, and regular review from several other federal and state level agencies.

THE PRIMATE FREEDOM PROJECT

PNC, Michiana Resources Host "It's Abstract" Exhibit

The PNC Odyssey 2007-08 Arts and Cultural Events Series continues its ongoing exhibit featuring the work of the Michiana Resources Creative Concepts artists with the new show, "It's Abstract!"

The Creative Concepts artwork is on display in the PNC Technology Building North Study Lounge. The artists will be feted at a

public reception on March 19 at 10 a.m. in Tech 134. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A new Creative Concepts show will be featured each month through July. The art displayed at PNC and at Michiana

Resources is for sale. Half of all sales go to the artist, the other back into the program.

"It's Abstract!" is a collection of eight paintings featuring watercolor, acrylic, mixed media and collage. This is Michiana Resources third exhibit with PNC. The collection was selected and prepared under the direction of Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel,

Creative Concepts arts coordinator and instructor. Featured artists are Brandy Ayala, Linda Livergood, Angie Feare, and Ed Galloway. Four group projects will also be displayed.

Michiana Resources, located at 4315 E. Michigan Boulevard, in Michigan City, is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to working with peo-

ple with disabilities to enhance their lives through employment and education. Creative Concepts exposes individuals with disabilities to visual art, theatre, music and dance. Recently, the Creative Concepts artists donated nine pieces of box art to the Michiana Humane Society's Spring Fling Silent Auction.

Currently, the Creative Concepts' new art studio at Michiana Resources is close upon completion. The Art Zone will soon move to its new quarters that will include a new art studio, gallery and gift shop. All of the Creative Concept art is displayed throughout the Michiana Resource building and can be viewed from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weekdays.

Tokoly-Rothermel noted that the artists spent most of the month of February making "Heart Art." They have also begun making beaded mandalas and real dreamcatchers. We have a group taking an acting class at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts with Peyton Daley.

In addition, Tokoly-Rothermel is working on Creative Concept's Visiting Musicians Program. "Several of my students have never been to a live concert before and I'd like to bring the bands to them," she explained. "For the holidays we jammed along with various carols using rhythm instruments - and the main complaint from my students was 'when are you going

to bring in some real instruments?!" she adds. So, her plan is to do just that. Tokoly-Rothermel is a musician herself, but she prefers to bring in professionals. "I have been practicing though, so I can accompany if needed," she said.

Creative Concepts is looking forward to its upcoming production of "Snow White" which will take place at the Long Beach Community Center on April 11. The cast have been practicing since October. There will be a silent art auction featuring Creative Concepts artist work and a wine and cheese reception. Proceeds will benefit the Creative Concepts program. To purchase tickets or to volunteer for the Creative Concepts program, call Michiana Resources at 219-874-4288.

Remaining Michiana Resources Art Show Openings and Receptions are scheduled for Technology Lounge North at 10 a.m. on: Wednesday, April 9, May 7, and June 11.

PNC Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series features various events throughout the year. A complete schedule of events can be found at www.pnc.edu. For more information about any event in the Odyssey series, contact Judy Jacobi, PNC director of marketing, at 219-785-5200 ext. 5593. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Jacobi.

Movie Review

By Jessica Ring

Will Ferrell has become the modern-day Adam Sandler: the character never changes, provoking either deep love or hatred from viewers. In fact, the characters remain so constant throughout his film career that the audience associates it with the personality of the actor, and no longer as a role.

It works for a while, of course. Audiences attend a movie with Will Ferrell headlining because they know the exact brand of wackiness to expect. However, the appeal begins to wane, and the joke grows old. After a few films that taper downward, the actor eventually retires. It appears that "Semi-Pro" is Ferrell's descent into obscurity.

Though there was nothing inherently terrible about the film, it was not riotously humorous either.



The film takes place in 1976, and Ferrell plays Jackie Moon, a basketball player in the ABA. His team, the Tropics, must win a game lest the league fold. A predictable montage of events follows. There were, of course, a few moments of Ferrell-brand funny, but nothing fresh or innovative. It was the sort of film where one just shrugs his or her shoulders and forgets about a few days later.

Book Review

By Jessica Ring

Hunter S. Thompson is arguably one of the most well-known contemporary American authors. The author brought us intimately into his world of bad drug trips, motorcycle gangs, and miscellaneous adventures across the countryside.

"Gonzo: The Life of Hunter S. Thompson," is the comprehensive biography of the man who invented his own journalistic style and kept American sensibilities reeling. Even if one has never read his stranger-than-fiction novels that deftly blur the line between reality and artistic license, the life the man has led is certainly worth documenting.

The biography is a compilation of information from over 100 people who knew Thompson, including his ex-wife and son, and celebrities such as Johnny Depp and Jack Nicholson. Compiled by Jann Wenner and Corey Seymour, the book gives a singular personal insight into



the life of the man who brought "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" and "Hell's Angels" to the public eye.

"Gonzo: The Life of Hunter S. Thompson" brings the reader an almost domestic view of the man and his personal quirks from the vantage point of his closest companions. It is a considerably rare view, since the very foundation of his journalistic style is to write in the first person. The biography retails for roughly \$20 at most bookstores, and is an almost crucial read that reframes how America views the late Hunter S. Thompson.

Open Casting Call Offers Shot at Movie Stardom

By Jessica Ring

For those who have not yet heard, a movie entitled "Public Enemies" will be filmed in Chicago, Wisconsin, and Northwest Indiana. "Public Enemies" details the antics of 30s gangsters John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, and Baby Face Nelson. The film is starring, respectively, Johnny Depp,

Christian Bale, and Channing Tatum, among others.

Even though Chicago is affably referred to as "The Second City," relatively few Hollywood productions come through.

When I first heard about the film (my boyfriend is presently renovating the Lake County jail) I immediately decided that I had to try out to be an extra. Not that I was hop-

ing for a launch into stardom, but participating in a period piece would certainly be fun.

I followed news articles and repeatedly Googled for a Chicago casting call. I checked multiple times a day, almost obsessed. Perhaps at the call, the scout would spot me out of the crowd of thousands and proclaim, "Bugger Marion Cotillard! You would be the perfect Lady in Red!" Unlikely, of course, but one can dream.

Finally, The Times dutifully posted a listing for an open casting call the day before the call itself. Pressed for time and lacking in requisite attire, I made a frantic late night trip to Goodwill. Goodwill, of course, had no shortage of sweaters that looked like they had not been worn since the Great Depression. Some smelled like it too!

The instructions demanded that I wear curlers the night before. It seemed simple enough. However, upon awakening and removing the

curlers, I found that my hair had transmuted into a gravity-defying mushroom. A few goes with the crackling curling iron and enough Aquanet to kill off several feet of the ozone layer later, my hair was passable. As I donned my mothball-laden sweater, fellow student Cameron Kelly-Johnson and I were on our way to vie at a chance for miniature stardom.

The casting call was held at a veritable cathedral of a high school in Chicago, probably having been there since the meatpacking industry was at its height. A motley crew of people, dressed vaguely in period clothing, was lined up outside the appropriate entrance. There were significantly fewer than I had been expecting, only a few hundred or so. After we had filled out our registration cards, the procedure was stunningly anti-climatic. We had our pictures taken, and...that was it! We were given a flippant, "We'll call you if you're chosen," and I was home in time for lunch. Though Cameron and I



were in it for the pure fun and weirdness of it all, a handful of people appeared to be there with the intent of being discovered -- a disturbing prospect. One woman actually shook her child violently and proclaimed, "You need to look

good for Michael Mann!"

Regardless of whether or not I am chosen to be an extra for "Public Enemies," I can now truthfully say I tried out for a movie. Well, to be an unpaid extra. You have to start somewhere, right?



Cameron Kelly-Johnson accompanied Jessica Ring to the casting call in Chicago.

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Tips on Presenting a Paper at Conference

By Jonita Davis

The English Department's Workshop on Presenting at Conference was centered on making students more comfortable with the idea of conference presentations.

Three professors spoke from personal experience to provide students with great information on how to get through the process.

"A bunch of us in loaded in a van and went," said Dr. Amanda Lawdig said of her first conference experience. She found that it was "a surprisingly huge conference."

"We had no idea this was out there", but she was glad to have participated.

When conference officials seek submissions for conferences, they send out a "call for papers". According to Dr. Jesse

Cohn, the panels that will often choose which papers will be presented for a certain topic area create these notices. The abstract is very important in that all papers are accepted or rejected solely on the abstract. In his experience, Dr. Cohn says that good abstracts always follow several guidelines. They fit the topic, but present it in an interesting angle.

Dr. Carver stresses the importance of preparation. Dr. Lisa Baird agreed adding that you should, "always have plans A, B, C, and paper." Dr. Baird always brings along paper version of her electronic presentations, which she says, can also double as your contact information for the audience.

The conference experience should be one that every student participates in, and one that you can benefit greatly from.

Student Satisfaction Survey to be Given Last Week of March

Linda Duttlinger, Ph.D.
Director of Accreditation and Assessment

From March 24 to 29, students enrolled in all undergraduate courses will be given the opportunity to participate in a Student Satisfaction Survey. This survey is in preparation for a routine comprehensive visit by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Accreditation Association in 2010-2011 academic year.

The survey consists of 85 questions that students will respond to using a standard Scantron. Students will be asked to supply their student identification number to verify that they are currently enrolled and to ensure that they will only fill out the survey once during the week. The survey should be completed in less than 20 minutes and will have

three open-ended questions about such topics as what a student likes about the campus, what new degrees or courses should be considered and what they believe the campus excels in. A survey similar to this one was last offered in the late 1990s in preparation for the 2001 Higher Learning Commission visit.

Questions will seek student levels of satisfaction about such issues as student activities, adequacy of parking, food quality in the cafeteria, and perceptions of safety and overall instruction. These questions have come from various groups on campus including the student government. If a question is asked that a student has no first-hand experience of, such as the Sitter Service, then they are encouraged to either leave the question

blank or answer "E" for no opinion. Instructions will be supplied with each survey.

Instructors are being asked to offer the survey to students at each class meeting during the last week of March. Most students will complete the survey during the first class meeting of the week. However, it should be continued to be offered so that those not in attendance the first time will have ample opportunity to give their opinion. Students should only fill out the survey once during the week and, preferably, in their first class of the week. Students that take classes only online will be offered an online version of the survey. Students that will not be in class during that week and wish to participate in the survey should contact Dr. Duttlinger (X5217) to

arrange a time to take the survey. Students enrolled in graduate courses will have a similar survey offered to them in mid April.

Purdue North Central has had a long and harmonious relationship with the Higher Learning Commission that dates back to the early 1970s. The campus is in good standing with the Commission and the planned comprehensive visit is a routine part of the accreditation process. Currently, the exact dates of the visit are not known. This information will be announced during the fall 2008 semester.

If anyone has any specific concerns about the survey or about its implementation, please contact Dr. Duttlinger, Director of Accreditation and Assessment.

Media's Role in the Racism in Peru

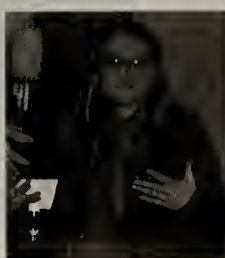
By Amanda Martin

Racism is prevalent in countries the world over. In 1994, genocide in Rwanda occurred between the Hutu and Tutsi in which half a million people were killed. Other acts of racism have included the South African apartheid, concentration camps set up by Nazi's during World War II, slavery in the United States, and, as was the subject of a recent presentation at PNC, racism in the media in Peru.

Racism is not always accompanied by violent acts. In a presentation given by Tanya Golash-Boza from her work "Black is Beautiful or

White is Right: Local and Global Discourses of Whiteness, Blackness, and Beauty in Peru," the author looked at how the media influences racism in Peru. Golash-Boza is a professor at the University of Kansas who spent nine months studying in Ingenio de Buenos Aires for her book, and conducted 116 interviews in that location.

According to Golash-Boza's statistics, Peru has a population of 28 million people with only 12 percent of the population being of African descent. In Ingenio alone 85 percent of the population is of African descent. The alarming statistic is that

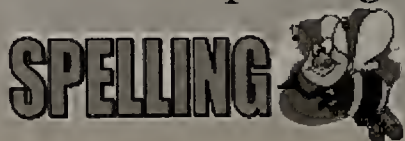


out of the whole Peruvian population only 10 percent of people consider themselves white.

As in the United States and other countries, she found that the media in Peru affects the way peo-

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breaking into freelancing with craigslist

By Jonita Davis

The world of internet commerce has opened a world of opportunities for freelancers. Where there was once only work for the experts, now, even the novice can find a paying gig. How, you might ask? Well, the best way to find a good freelancing gig—to start—is the same place that you would go to find cars, houses, and even clothes: Craig's List.

This modern marketplace is a freelancer's best friend. There, you can find gigs on not only writing (the most common) but talent, art, babysitting, tutoring, acting, and much more.

Here, I must interject the difference between the gigs section and the jobs section. Gigs are temporary (usually one-time) paying opportunities. Jobs are usually steady, not as flexible, and usually harder to get than the gigs. I got my start with gigs, despite having no experience and no degree (yet).

Now that you know where to look, let us go over some very important pointers that this freelancer had to learn the hard way:

1. Never pay anyone

to give you a job. This is how many scams are formed. The only thing that you provide to a potential employer is a resume and writing samples. They supply the money. No other arrangement is appropriate.

2. Be realistic. You have just begun freelancing today. Do not expect to get four figure returns on your articles (you writers out there). That \$10 per 250 words is plenty, and trust me, it adds up fast, and leads to bigger and better things.

3. Create experience. For example, (for writers again—that is where my experience is) many article-writing gigs require writing samples that you probably do not have. Simply offer to write a test or sample article on a topic of their choice. This is actually how I got my very first job.

4. Keep that resume updated. Every gig you do is experience that you can use to get a bigger and better gig the next time.

5. Take any critique from experts seriously. I have found that these peo-

ple are eager to help. They have been where you are, and may have some very helpful advice to offer you. Take it. It will greatly improve your work.

6. Have fun, but remember that this is work. Choose gigs that interest you. Be sure to set accurate deadlines. Employers work that is done well and on-time. I personally do not apply for gigs that I know are beyond my time capabilities. There is no point in stressing over an impossible deadline when there are so many more flexible gigs out there.

7. Read each ad before applying, and establish payment terms before you begin your work. Otherwise, you will be working on a project that will not pay for two months after you turn it in.

Now go out there and find yourself a freelance gig. Plus, don't forget, Craig's List is worldwide, so try the international pages. In most cases, they are looking for a fluent English speaker, and who speaks the language better than American college students!

2008 HYDE PARK FORUM SPEECH CONTEST ENTRY FORM

CONTEST: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2. DEADLINE: NOON, FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

(Submit to Professor Dan Wilbur, TECH 272 or Department of Communication, TECH 264)

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Lyndsie Daikhi

THE LEFT AND RIGHT OF THINGS



Jonathan Sichtermann

The Celeb Endorsements Of the Democrats

The Celeb Endorsements Of the Conservatives

With the race to Denver heating up between the two remaining Democratic contenders for the presidential nomination, Obama and Clinton have pulled out all the stops and have enlisted the more famous supports to help champion their cause.

Since Obama's surge, he has received the backing of several musicians like the Grateful Dead, Pearl Jam, Stevie Wonder, Ludacris, Fall Out Boy, the Arcades Fire's Win Butler and Usher.

Fall Out Boy's Pete Wentz even organized a fundraiser at his club, Lakeview Broadcasting Company, in Chicago.

Even one of Obama's speeches was put to music by

Will.i.am. The video entitled "Yes We Can" had guest appearances by Common, Scarlett Johansson, Herbie Hancock and John Legend. The video has gotten over 13 million hits on YouTube.

The Grateful Dead even got together for the first time in four years to play at an Obama fundraiser.

Obama is not alone with celeb support. Clinton also has her fair share. Madonna, 50 cent, and Bon Jovi have all thrown their support behind her. Actresses Eva Langoria and Melanie Griffith also pledged their support to Clinton.

Obama has welded the great power that Oprah Winfrey has over

middle-aged women and others in order to gain support. In order to not seem biased, it behooves me to mention that Clinton has too welded such infamous actors as Jack Nicholson to further her cause. The question that I believe that we need to collectively ask ourselves is how much power should celebs have in determining who will be our next president? Are celebs not just regular people, albeit they have tons of money that the presidential contenders need in order to succeed? I think that it is important when making the decision as to who to vote for that we use deciding factors like policy rather than supporting someone who our favorite celeb supports.

"My plan to secure the border? Two words: Chuck Norris." That is how former Ark. Gov. Mike Huckabee jokingly says he will deal with illegal immigration. Though no one took this statement seriously, it does show the extent to which celebrity endorsements have become commonplace in presidential races these days.

Gov. Huckabee has made much of the Norris endorsement. Chuck Norris has accompanied him at campaign stops, appears on stage with him during victory rallies, and has even held fundraisers at his ranch in Texas for the GOP presidential candidate.

Chuck Norris has also made some controversial statements on the campaign trail, such as Sen. John McCain was too old to be

President. At the Fla. GOP debate, Mike Huckabee apologized for that statement. McCain responded by mentioning his own celebrity endorsement: "Now that Sylvester Stallone has endorsed me, I'm sending him over to take care of Chuck Norris right away." These statements do provide light moments in an otherwise tense election campaign, but what exactly do they tell voters about the candidates? Not much, as it turns out.

Numerous celebrities have thrown their support behind one candidate or another in this election cycle, but only the endorsement of Arnold Schwarzenegger has actually helped a candidate win an election. It can be argued that

Schwarzenegger's endorsement allowed McCain to win California, and "terminate" chief rival Mitt Romney's campaign. The influence of this endorsement did not stem from Schwarzenegger's role in "The Terminator" or other movies, but from his position as a popular California governor.

There are plenty of reasons to vote for a particular candidate and certainly endorsements can be a factor. Endorsements by fellow politicians and public officials carry more weight than endorsements by movie stars or other celebrities. McCain has secured the endorsements of prominent fiscal conservatives such as Sen.

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Racial Groups Suffer More Bank Foreclosures

By Lyndsie Daikhi

According to research done by United for a Fair Economy, a group "that raises awareness that concentrated wealth and power undermine the economy, corrupt democracy, deepen the racial divide, and tear communities apart," the foreclosure crisis that has gripped the nation "has caused the greatest loss of wealth to people of color in modern U.S. history."

United for a Fair

Economy estimates that during the past eight years, the total loss of wealth for people of color is between \$164 and \$213 billion for subprime loans. They accuse the mortgage lending industry of being "ruthless hawkers" and preying on people of color. The lenders are also accused of "lacking in integrity, foresight and any vestige of civic concern." Another finding within the report stated that people of color are more than three times

more likely to have subprime loans.

The United for a Fair Economy report also details the results of the lending crisis. If people of color lose their homes, their homes will remain empty and squatters will move in, crime will soon follow, businesses will move away and thus result in a downward spiral of the city or town economy, then the county, and then the state and the final result will be a downward spiral

of the nation's economy.

United for a Fair Economy believes that the government should step in to help those in need. "Rules made the crisis worse, and rule change can make it better via better policies. Just as many policies in the past and today have supported asset development for the wealthy, so can new policies support the asset development for those injured by the subprime crisis."

It's Getting Chilly in Russia

By Jonathan Sichtermann

Russian President Vladimir Putin's chosen successor, Dmitri Medvedev has just won an election in which all formidable opposition was eliminated months ago. Tensions between Russia and the West have been on the rise since Kosovo declared independence last month. Recently, Russian fighter pilots flew over a U.S. naval vessel, and for the first time since the end of the Cold War, the Russian Navy has put to sea for naval drills.

Russia's provocative actions go back further than that. In August, Russia "claimed" the Arctic so it could drill for oil. At the same time, Russia, China, and the three central Asian republics that make up the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) con-

ducted a joint military operation in central Asia. After the operation, Russian state television hailed the SCO as a counterbalance to NATO, though Putin denied that fact. In October Putin made the first official visit to Iran by a Russian head of state since Josef Stalin in 1943.

It is clear that Russia under Putin and now Medvedev is beginning to awaken from its post-Cold War slumber, but it did not have to be this way. According to an article in Foreign Affairs, "the Reagan and first Bush administrations understood the dangers of a crumbling superpower and managed the Soviet Union's decline with an impressive combination of empathy and toughness. They treated Gorbachev respectfully but without making substantive concessions at the expense of U.S. interests." Things began to

change, however, when Bill Clinton took office. The same article points out that "the Clinton administration's greatest failure was its decision to take advantage of Russia's weakness." Strobe Talbott, who served as Deputy Secretary of State for the Clinton and second Bush administrations, even went

so far as to say that U.S. officials exploited Yeltsin's excessive drinking during face-to-face negotiations." Following the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, Putin, who was Prime Minister at the time, offered Russian assistance



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Obama's Global Poverty Act

By Jonathan Sichtermann

On Feb. 14 the Global Poverty Act of 2007 moved out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and onto the Senate floor, where it remains awaiting deliberation and a final vote. The bill is sponsored by Ill. Sen. Barack Obama and co-sponsored by Sens. Joseph Biden (D-Del.) and Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), the Chairmao of the Foreign Relations Committee and the ranking Republican on that committee respectively. If passed, it would ratify the U.N. Millennium Development Goal, which would require all signatory countries to devote 0.7 percent of annual GDP to "the reduction of global poverty, and the elimination of extreme global poverty."

The 0.7 percent of GDP amounts to \$845 billion over the specified time period above what the United States is already spending on foreign aid. As Michael Gerson, a senior fellow on the Council of Foreign Relations and former speechwriter for President Bush points out, the president "sponsored the largest percentage increases in foreign assistance since the Marshall Plan - larger percentage increases than any of our G-8 partners." Gerson went on to say that under the current administration, U.S. development assistance has "more than doubled" from 2000 to 2006.

Senator Obama's proposed plan would be different from the Bush policies. Obama's proposal

would enable the United Nations to mandate how much foreign aid the U.S. invests each year. As it stands now, the president and Congress must reach an agreement based on budgetary and fiscal situations. Jeffery Sachs, who runs the U.N.'s Millennium Project, says that the only way to raise the \$65 billion dollar annual U.S. payment would be "through a global tax," according to "Accuracy in the Media."

As it stands, state governments cannot tax the federal government per the ruling in the landmark Supreme Court Case McCulloch v. Maryland (1819). This bill would in effect allow the United Nations to tax the federal government, and consequently the people of the U.S. Alarmingly, there are still more constitutional violations encaused within the U.N. Millennium Declaration, including the commitment to ban "small arms and light weapons." Conservatives will be quick to argue that this stands in direct violation of the Second Amendment's right to bear arms.

With millions of people living in poverty, it is clear that foreign aid needs to be devoted to raising the standard of living in many nations. Pres. Bush and Sen. Obama have drastically different views on how this aid is to be collected and distributed. Pres. Bush's Millennium Challenge Account is a results-based program that "rewards nations that root

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Panther Basketball Closes Out Losing Season

The PNC Basketball squad lost its last two home-court games, played on consecutive Saturday's at the Marquette H.S. venue. The Panthers fell to rival Purdue Calumet in a 74-51 rout, but came back the following week to make a game second-half run at Trinity International, of Deerfield, Ill., which left them just 4 points short in a 79-75 loss.

On Feb. 16, the team held the game was close throughout the first half before the Purdue Calumet Peregrines closed out the last three minutes with a strong run to take 41-26 lead at intermission. In the second half the Cal maintained control of the game and outscored the Panthers 33-25 for the final margin.

Overall, the Panthers finished 17 of 51 (33%) from the field, connecting on 3 of 15 (20%) three-pointers and 14 of 17 (82%) free throws. The Peregrines were 28 of 59 (48%), 7 of 17 (41%) and 11 of 15 (73%).

PUC out-rebounded the Panthers 37-27 and committed 12 turnovers to PNC's 13.

PNC was led by senior Adam Dobrzeniecki with 13 points, while freshman A.J. Jones added 10 points. PUC was led by Joshua Collins with 21 points, including 20 in the first half. Antonio McNeal added 13 points, Charles Cruz 12 points and Justin Latimore contributed 11 points.

The Jesse White Tumblers, performing before one of the larger crowds on hand this year for a PNC home game, provided halftime entertainment.

Senior Day

On the following Saturday the Panthers jumped out to an early lead against the Trinity International before the Trojans stormed back to take a 40-32 lead at the break.

In the second half the game appeared to be over when Trinity International surged ahead by 16 points. But the Panthers recovered and had the game down to one possession before the clock expired.

PNC had a better shooting night, finishing 28 of 62 (45%) overall, but missed opportunities from three-point territory (2 of 12 for 17%) and from the line (17 of 24 for 71%). The Panthers were unable to contain the red-hot Trojans, who finished 28 of 51 (55%) from the field while making an impressive eight of 17 three-pointers and 15 of 20 free throws.

The Panthers controlled the boards 38-26 and won the turnover battle 11 to 14 to keep the game close.

PNC was led by senior Terry Polk with 20 points and eight rebounds while senior Adam Dobrzeniecki added 12 points and 15 rebounds. Senior Brian Bogus contributed 14 points and senior Sylvester James and freshman A.J. Jones added 13 points each.

Unfortunately, the Panthers could not contain Levi Arnold who finished with 31 points, including five of 10 from beyond the arc.

Senior day set an attendance record for attendance. Before the game the Panthers recognized five seniors for their contributions to PNC, including Tyler

Moore, Sylvester James, Brian Bogus, Terry Polk and Adam Dobrzeniecki. CCAC Tourney

The Purdue North Central traveled to Palos Heights, Ill., Feb. 26 for the first round of the CCAC tournament, and ended its season with a 92-64 defeat at the hands of Trinity Christian College Tuesday.

The Panthers (#7 seed) finished 5-26 overall and 0-12 in conference play, while the Trolls (#2 seed) improved to 19-11 after finishing 9-3 in the CCAC regular season.

The Panthers fell behind right from the tip-off and were out of the game almost immediately as the Trolls raced to a 49-22 half-time lead. The second half was more balanced as PNC outscored Trinity Christian 43-42.

Overall, Purdue North Central finished 22 of 54 (41%) from the floor, one of five from three-point territory and 19 of 30 from the line. The Trolls countered with 35 of 61 (57%), an impressive 12 of 19 (63%) from beyond the arc and 10 of 13 on free throws. The Trolls also out-rebounded the Panthers 37-28.

Individually, senior Terry Polk with 18 points led PNC, while senior Brian Bogus added 14 points. Seniors Adam Dobrzeniecki and Sylvester James contributed 10 points apiece. Kurt Grupen led Trinity Christian with 28 points, knocking down a whopping seven of 10 three-pointers.



Junior Terry Polk #31 follows senior Adam Dobrzeniecki #44 to the hoop, takes it airborne for two.



PNC Baseball and Softball Season Schedules

2007-08 Panther Baseball Schedule - TBA

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Results	Record
Fri	2/22	Georgetown College (DH)	4:00 p.m.	Georgetown, KY		cancelled
Sat	2/23	Salem State College (DH)	11 a.m.	Georgetown, KY		cancelled
Sat	3/1	Lindsey Wilson College (DH)	9 a.m.	Columbia, KY	L 6-3	0-1
Sun	3/2	Lindsey Wilson College (DH)	11:30 a.m.	Columbia, KY	L 9-4	0-2
Sun	3/2	Ohio Dominican College (DH)	9:00 a.m.	Columbia, KY	L 12-7	0-3
Tues	3/4	Goshen College (DH)	11:30 a.m.	Columbia, KY	L 5-4	0-4
Fri	3/7	Spring Break Tournament (TBA)	1:00 p.m.	HOME		cancelled
Fri - Sun	3/7-10	Spring Break Tournament (TBA)		Clearwater, FL		
Mon	3/10	Eckerd College	3:30 p.m.	Clearwater, FL	W 6-4	1-4
Tues	3/11	Salem State College (DH)	10:00 a.m.	Clearwater, FL	L 5-4	1-5
Thur	3/13	Warner Southern College	3:00 p.m.	Lake Wales, FL	L 9-6	1-6
Thur	3/13	Salem State College	10:00 a.m.	Clearwater, FL		
Fri	3/14	Dordt College (DH)	1:00 p.m.	Clearwater, FL		
Sat	3/15	Webster International University	12:00 p.m.	Sabson Park, FL		
Sun	3/16	Travel Day		Clearwater, FL		
Tues	3/18	Grace College	3:00 p.m.	HOME		
Wed	3/19	University of IL - Chicago	3:00 p.m.	Chicago, IL		
Fri	3/21	Ashford University (DH)	1:00 p.m.	HOME		
Sat	3/22	Robert Morris College (DH)	12:00 p.m.	HOME		
Tues	3/25	Olivet Nazarene University (DH)	1:00 p.m.	Bourbonnais, IL		
Thur	3/27	Kalamazoo Valley CC (JV, DH)	2:00 p.m.	HOME		
Sat	3/29	Calumet College of St. Joseph (DH)	12:00 p.m.	HOME		
Sun	3/30	Illinois Institute of Technology (DH)	12:00 p.m.	Chicago, IL		
Thur	4/3	Vincennes Community College (JV, DH)	2:00 p.m.	HOME		
Fri	4/4	Trinity International University (DH)	1:00 p.m.	Deerfield, IL		
Sat	4/5	Trinity Christian College (DH)	12:00 p.m.	HOME		
Sun	4/6	IU - Northwest (DH)	11:00 a.m.	HOME		
Tues	4/8	Aquinas College (DH)	2:00 p.m.	HOME		
Wed	4/9	St. Xavier University	3:00 p.m.	HOME		
Thur	4/10	Bethel College	2:30 p.m. (EST)	Mishawaka, IN		
Sat	4/12	Judson College (DH)	1:00 p.m.	Elgin, IL		
Sun	4/13	University of St. Francis - FW (DH)	1:00 p.m. (EST)	Fort Wayne, IN		
Wed	4/16	St. Xavier University	3:00 p.m.	Chicago, IL		
Fri	4/18	Ashford University (DH)	1:00 p.m.	Clinton, IA		
Sat	4/19	Cardinal Stritch University (DH)	12:00 p.m.	Milwaukee, WI		
Sun	4/20	IU - Northwest (DH)	11:00 a.m.	Gary, IN		
Tues	4/22	Aquinas College (DH)	2:00 p.m. (EST)	Grand Rapids, MI		
Sat	4/26	University of St. Francis - IL (DH)	12:00 p.m.	HOME		
Sun	4/27	University of St. Francis - FW (DH)	12:00 p.m.	HOME		
Thur - Sat	5/1-5/3	CCAC Tournament (if necessary)	TBA	TBA		
Tues - Sat	5/6-5/18	NAIA Region VII Tournament	TBA	TBA		
Wed - Fri	5/14-5/16	NAIA Super Regional	TBA	TBA		
Fri - Sun	5/23-5/30	NAIA World Series	TBA	Lewiston, ID		

2007-08 Panther Softball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Results	Record
Thur - Sat	3/6-3/15	Spring Break Tournament	TBA	Tucson, AZ		
Sat	3/8	Northland College	8:30 a.m.		L 5-2	0-1
		Mayville College	10:30 a.m.		L 7-4	0-2
		Calvin College	8 p.m.		W 3-0	1-2
Sun	3/9	Missouri Valley College	4 p.m.		W 8-7	2-2
		Dickinson State University	6 p.m.		L 15-0	2-3
		Webster College	8 p.m.		L 12-7	2-4
Tues	3/11	Cornerstone University	10:30 a.m.		W 4-0	3-4
		Missouri Valley College	3 p.m.		W 10-5	4-4
		Jamestown College	5:30 p.m.		L 5-4	4-5
Wed	3/12	Jamestown College	8:30 a.m.			
		Cornerstone University	10:30 a.m.			
		Iowa Wesleyan College	3:00 p.m.			
Thurs	3/13	McKendree University	8:30 a.m.			
		Patten University	10:30 a.m.			
Tue	3/18	Grace College (DH)	3 p.m.	Home		
Wed	3/19	Taylor University (DH)	2 p.m.	Upland, IN		
Thur	3/20	Concordia University, Mt (DH)	2:30 p.m.	Home		
Tue	3/25	St. Xavier University (DH)	3 p.m.	Chicago		
Thur	3/27	Robert Morris College (DH)	4 p.m.	Home		
Fri	3/28	Trinity International (DH)	3 p.m.	Home		
Sun	3/30	University of St. Francis, IL (DH)	1 p.m.	Joliet, IL		
Wed	4/2	Trinity Christian College (DH)	3 p.m.	Palos Heights, IL		
Sat	4/5	Franklin College (DH)	12 p.m.	Home		
Wed	4/9	Calumet College of St. Joseph (DH)	3 p.m.	Whiting, IN		
Thur - Sat	4/10-4/12	Iowa Wesleyan Tournament	TBA	Mt. Pleasant, IA		
Thur	4/10	Iowa Wesleyan	3 p.m.			
Fri	4/11	Lindenwood University	12 p.m.			
		University of Illinois-Springfield	1:45 p.m.			
		McKendree College	3:30 p.m.			
Sat	4/12	Hannibal-LaGrange College	9 a.m.			
		Harris Stowe College	12:30 p.m.			
Sun	4/13	University of St. Francis, IN (DH)	12 p.m.	Home		
Mon	4/14	Judson College (DH)	4 p.m.	Elgin, IL		
Thur	4/17	Olivet Nazarene University (DH)	3 p.m.	Home		
Tue	4/22	Marion College (DH)	3 p.m.	Home		
Fri	4/25	Mt. Mary Tournament	TBA	Milwaukee, WI		
Sat	4/26	Cardinal Stritch University (DH)	12 p.m.	Milwaukee, WI		
Wed - Sat	4/30-5/3	CCAC Tournament	TBA	TBA		

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colleges and universities as not only an alert to violent attack, but also for school closings, like the snow storm that hit while PNC was testing the system.

This type of student protection is what the PNC PD had in mind when they adopted the system, which went online at the earlier this month. Students can sign up for the service through the PNC web Portal. The form requires a name cell phone number and email address. The service is free of charge.

Chief Gaeckle encourages all students to sign up for the service. "We all play a role," he says about campus safety. Every student should play his or her role and sign up for the alert system.

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out corruption, respect human rights, and adhere to the rule of law...invest in better health care, better schools and broader immunization... [and] have more open markets and sustainable budget policies." Obama supports the U.N. Millennium Declaration, which declares the U.N as the "indispensable common house of the entire human family," and would collect foreign aid from sovereign nations and distribute that aid accordingly. Exactly how the aid would be distributed remains unclear. The next president's approach to foreign aid will largely be determined by the pending Senate vote on Obama's bill.

ple think, and influences racism in different ways. In Peru all television characters are white, and 70 percent of advertisements use whites. In Peru white women are portrayed as idolized house wives, immaculate professionals, and beautiful sex objects in bikinis. White men are portrayed as professionals. Blacks and indigenous people are portrayed as maids, cooks, doormen, and servants. They are also eroticized and portrayed as exotic. In the presentation an example given was a pizza advertisement where a black man's face was behind a pizza. The man was wearing primitive clothing, had a bone on top of his head, and tribal paint on his face. This was just one of the examples of how black people are portrayed in the Peruvian media.

An interesting fact that Golash-Boza brought up was that most of the 300 houses in Ingenio, which is fairly remote, have televisions. There is no electricity, so to power them the people use a car battery. The battery enables them to watch 10-12 hours of television with a 2-3 day charge of the battery. Even remote places like Ingenio are receiving the images of racism that are occurring in the media in Peru.

It is important to note that racism is not always violent. The media images used in Peru support this. Portraying one race as more superior or right over another in the media has great influence than most would think. This leads to the racial discourse between whites and blacks in Peruvian society especially since only 10 percent of the entire population consider themselves white.

Story and Photos
By Roger Doiron

Picture a bowl of soup or a salad without a slice of crusty bread to go with it. Worse still, imagine a deliciously tangy piece of Camembert cheese, served with a glass of red wine, but no accompanying hunk of baguette. Quelle horreur! as the French would say.

Much has been written over the centuries about bread's importance in global cuisine. Legendary American chef and food writer James Beard called it the "most fundamentally satisfying of all foods" and referred to bread served with fresh butter as the "greatest of feasts." True to form, the Italians are even more dramatic in describing bread's essential role. "Senza il pane tutto diventa orfano," they say, which means "without bread, everyone's an orphan."

About six years ago, I felt orphaned myself. I had just returned from 10 years living in Europe where artisan bread is so common you almost trip over the stuff in the streets. The same cannot be said of my native state of Maine, where Wonder Bread still leads wonderful bread by a comfortable margin. If you trip over anything in the winter-worn streets of Maine, it's more likely to be a frost heave.

Bread had become so fundamental to my culinary happiness that I realized upon returning to the States that I needed to knead some of my own. After five years playing around with different recipes and techniques, I reluctantly came to terms with my limits as a home baker. I could produce zucchini and banana breads to die for, a decent sandwich loaf in both white and whole-wheat varieties, and a perfectly respectable focaccia.

What I couldn't produce, unfortunately, was the type of bread I craved the most: a hearty, round rustic loaf with a moist, chewy crumb (inside) and a thick, crispy crust.

Fortunately, my return proved to be well-timed in that it coincided with an artisan bread-making revival making inroads in Maine. I became a regular customer of Standard Baking Co., a Portland-based bakery that turns out breads and pastries that rival Europe's finest. What I couldn't bake myself was available just a few minutes and a few dollars away.

But for people like me

who grow some of our own food and cook from scratch, close foods can never be quite close enough. I remained committed to being able to produce the loaf of my dreams in my own kitchen. On a Saturday morning bread run to Standard, I asked one of the bakers her secret to a crusty loaf. She replied "quality ingredients, time and a \$10,000 professional baking oven." Ugh. That was not what I wanted to hear.

She went on to explain that the secret to a loaf that is soft and moist on the inside and crusty on the outside lies in the careful balance of heat and humidity. Professional baking ovens achieve this balance via high temperatures and blasts of steam during the cooking process.

Over the years, ingenious home bakers have tried to replicate the humid conditions of a commercial oven by placing a pan filled with water at the bottom of the oven or by spritzing their loaves with water from time to time. My own experiments in moisture management, however, left me frustrated. The quality of my loaves just didn't do justice to the time and work that went into making them.

Just when I was ready to give up on crusty, peasant loaves altogether, I came across an article in The New York Times that described a new bread-making technique, the results of which sounded too easy and too good to be true. Dubbed "no knead bread," the method involves using wet dough, letting it rise over a very long time in lieu of kneading it, and cooking it in a hot Dutch oven (heavy covered pot). While the recipe calls for a slow fermentation process, its popularity proved an instant success. The recipe (below) was shared and devoured by foodies all over the world via the Internet.

Excited at the prospect of finally creating a crusty loaf of my own, I couldn't wait to try the technique myself. I was also curious to see if it really was possible to come up with something new in a field as old as bread-making. As if that weren't enough, I had indulged myself the year before with a \$120 cast iron Dutch oven that had thus far not seen much action. I pictured myself cranking out one crusty loaf after the next, and did some quick math to calculate how many loaves I'd need to make before



Knead Dutch Oven bread is easy even for novice home bakers.

recouping my investment.

From the first attempt, my results -- like those of others who've used the technique -- have been nothing short of miraculous. Not only are my loaves delicious, but they are drop-dead gorgeous, every bit as pretty as the ones I was tripping over in Europe. The long, knead-free fermentation process allows the dough to develop good flavor, while the Dutch oven creates the humid conditions needed for a crisp crust. Those of you who have been foiled in your home-baking efforts in the past can find new hope in this technique, which is as forgiving as it is flexible.

Although I may still be a loaf or two shy of paying for my fancy-pants Dutch oven, I'm getting close and am even starting to think about new challenges. Next time I make a Saturday morning bakery run, I think I'll ask the baker the secret of a buttery chocolate croissant. With my baking confidence at a new high, I just might be up to the task.

**No Knead,
Dutch Oven Bread**
1/4 tsp active dry yeast
1 1/2 cups warm water
3 cups all-purpose flour,
plus more for dusting. You
may use white, whole
wheat or a combination of
the two.
1 1/2 tsp salt
Cornmeal or wheat bran
for dusting

In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in water. Add the flour and salt, stirring until blended. The dough will be shaggy and sticky. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Let the dough rest at least 8 hours, preferably 12 to 18, at warm room temperature, about 70 degrees. The dough is ready when its surface is dotted with bubbles. Lightly flour a work surface and place dough on it. Sprinkle it with a little more flour and

fold it over on itself once or twice. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let it rest for about 15 minutes.

Using just enough flour to keep the dough from sticking to the work surface or to your fingers, gently shape it into a ball. Generously coat a clean dish towel with flour, wheat bran or cornmeal. Put the seam side of the dough down on the towel and dust with more flour, bran or cornmeal. Cover with another towel and let rise for about 1 to 2 hours. When it's ready, the dough will have doubled in size and will not readily spring back when poked with a finger.

At least 20 minutes before the dough is ready, heat oven to 475 degrees. Put a 6- to 8-quart heavy covered pot (cast iron, enamel, Pyrex or ceramic) in the oven as it heats. When the dough is ready, carefully remove the pot from the oven and lift off the lid. Slide your hand under the towel and turn the dough over into the pot, seam side up. The dough will lose its shape a bit in the process, but that's OK. Give the pan a firm shake or two to help distribute the dough evenly, but don't worry if it's not perfect; it will straighten out as it bakes. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the lid and bake another 15 to 20 minutes, until the loaf is beautifully browned. Remove the bread from the Dutch oven and let it cool on a rack for at least 1 hour before slicing.

Yield: One 1 1/2-pound loaf.

Adapted from The New York Times

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Mellencamp inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

By David Bauder
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(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Indiana heartland rocker John Mellencamp was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Monday during a ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Mellencamp quickly ditched the stage name Johnny Cougar and became one of rock 'n' roll's most successful artists during the 1980s. "Pink Houses," "Hurts so Good" and "R.O.C.K. in the USA" are among his energetic hits. Mellencamp also joined with Neil

Young and Willie Nelson to form the ongoing Farm Aid charity for American farmers.

Mellencamp, a native of Seymour, moved to Monroe County near Bloomington in the late 1970s and has lived there ever since.

He joined pop artist Madonna, Philly soul producers Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, literate songwriter Leonard Cohen, British rockers the Dave Clark Five and surf instrumentalists the Ventures were among the other inductees.

Madonna recalled a teacher who encouraged her to follow her dreams when she was only 14. "Thirty-five years later,

people are still encouraging me to believe in my dreams," she said at the Waldorf Astoria induction ceremony. "What more could I ask for?"

Even the people who "said I was talentless, that I was chubby, that I couldn't sing, that I was a one-hit wonder, they helped me, too," she said. "They inspired me because they made me question myself repeatedly and pushed me to be better."

Singer Justin Timberlake, who helped produce Madonna's upcoming album, inducted her with an innuendo-laden speech.

"The world is full of Madonna wannabes. I might have even dated a

couple," said Timberlake, Britney Spears' ex. "But there is truly only one Madonna."

Timberlake told of how he felt ill one day while working on Madonna's new album, and she asked whether he wanted a B-12 shot. He said sure, expecting a doctor, to show up, but Madonna pulled out a syringe and said, "drop 'em."

After he pulled his pants back up, "she looked at me and said, 'that's top shelf,' and that was one of the greatest days of my life," he said.

"Everything he said is basically true," Madonna confirmed, "but I didn't say 'drop 'em,' I said, 'pull your

pants down."

Madonna didn't perform, but asked punk rockers Iggy Pop and the Stooges to sing "Burning Up" and "Ray of Light."

At the end, a shirtless Pop said, "you make me feel shiny and new, like a virgin touched for the very first time," and tossed his microphone of the floor.

Gamble, taking the stage with his longtime partner, invited the audience to answer back his wish for "peace."

"Thank you so much, because that's exactly what our music represented," Gamble told the people gathered at the famed hotel for the annual ceremony, televised on VH1 Classic. Patti LaBelle performed a

chandelier-shaking rendition of "If You Don't Know Me By Now" to introduce Gamble and Huff. The songwriters and producers created a lush, melodic brand of soul known for their hometown and performed by a variety of artists.

Gamble cited one: Billy Paul's tale of the adulterous affair in "Me and Mrs. Jones."

"There's a little 'Me and Mrs. Jones' going on here in New York," he said to laughter.

He dispelled one rumor. The song "MFSB" stood for mother, father, sister, brother, he insisted. For years, others let their imaginations run wild with the initials.

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Campus students encounter prospective future employers during annual PNC Career Fair

By Jonita Davis
Staff Writer

Many students have a great deal of difficulty with the question "What do you want to be?"

As graduations draws nearer, for some, so does the need to know just how you plan to use your degree.

Career Services puts together its Career Fair each year to help all students, especially those who have

yet to decide on a career.

This year, there was something for everyone.

From internships to salary positions, and even summer jobs, the 2008 Career Fair had it all. Over 40 employers gathered to offer employment to the PNC student body.

Many of the companies were looking for interns to train in the ways of the business's trade. Target Stores Inc. offered students paid

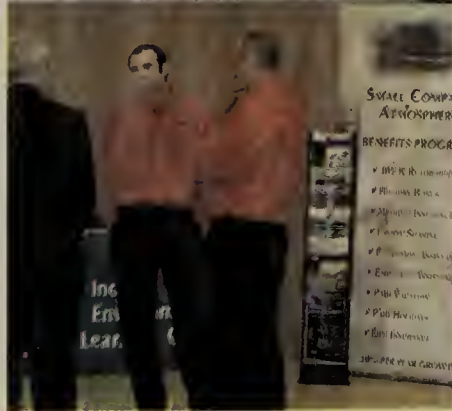
internships with the promise of a managerial position upon completion of the internship (and degree).

Target representatives were recruiting students of all majors.

The Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) was looking for interns as well. They preferred students from engineering and finance programs.

LaPorte Savings Bank and 1st Source Bank were both looking for students of all majors for entry level teller positions. "No experience but cash handling is needed," said one LaPorte Savings bank representative.

Other summer jobs positions were offered by the Porter County Department of Recreation, Center Bank, Comfort Caregivers, and Four



Representatives for a variety of businesses were present

Winds Casino. Many companies offered the potential for more permanent work once the summer ended.

Those student looking for a career after graduation could look to companies like US Steel Corporation, ALCOA, NIPSCO, who were looking for engineering and business majors for salaried positions. State Farm Insurance offered a

chance at entrepreneurship, while Enterprise Car Rental and even PNC offered professional positions for multiple majors.

There was something for everyone at the 2008 Career Fair. Despite the heavy crowds, some of these positions may still be open. Contact Carol Kurmis at Career Services or Mark Hannon.

PNC BITS

Odyssey 2007-08 Sculpture Exhibit

The multi-piece contemporary sculpture exhibit is open to the public during university hours. Self-guided tours, as well as guided group tours, are available. Contact Judi Jacobi @ jjacobi@pnc.edu for more information regarding the tour May 1.

On-campus Art Show

Michiana Resources presents the "Creative Concepts," art show. Reception is free and available to the public. The show is May 7 at 10:00 a.m. Exhibits may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m., in TECH 134.

Commencement Ceremony 2008

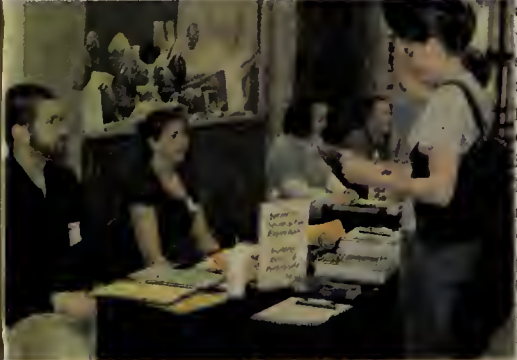
The commencement exercises will be held at Valparaiso University Athletic Recreation Center. The ceremony will be held on Monday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Chancellor's Open Office Hours

Chancellor Dworkin's next open office hours are Thurs. May 15 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Schwarz 137.

Education Banquet

Kappa Delta Pi will be holding an Education Banquet open to the public. A potluck dinner, comedian, and Professor Pratt's live band will be featured beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Fri. May 9. Tickets are \$10. Contact a Kappa Delta Pi officer for tickets.



A student collects information while outside of the Career Fair room

Saying Goodbye to Gary Demski Director of Student Activities takes position at SB Clay

By Jonathan Sichtermann
Web Editor

When Gary Demski came to Purdue University North Central five years ago, he had no idea what changes would occur on campus during his time here. Demski has served as the Director of Student Activities since July 2003, but will be leaving PNC in May to accept the position of Athletic Director at South Bend Clay High School. He says the move comes with mixed emotions. "It was not something I was looking for. When I came to PNC I came with the intention of staying for a long time, but when the opportunity came to take the AD job at my hometown high school I had to take it."

Demski, who holds a Masters degree in Sports Administration, was working in a similar capacity at IU South Bend in 2003 when a call came from Dean of Students John Coggins. Dean Coggins was calling to see if he knew of anyone who might be interested in coming to PNC to be the Director of Student Activities. "He said he thought I would not be interested because I was pretty well off at IUSB, but I sent in my resume."

When he first started working at PNC there were

four to five active student active student clubs and organizations. In 2008 there were between 28 and 30 that were fully active. When asked about this change, he

said "I got the word out and promoted the idea that you [the student] benefit as an individual by becoming involved on campus. Those students who become involved jump to the forefront in the minds of potential employers once they graduate." Other than that, Demski does not like to take credit for the growth in student involvement on campus. He prefers to give the credit to Vice-Chancellor Larry Barrett, Dean Coggins, baseball coach Tom Weber, and Stacy O'Neil, who he calls the greatest people he had ever worked with.

In fact, Demski has done a tremendous amount of work to boost student involvement on campus. He served as faculty advisor to the Student Government Association during each of his five years on campus. He was at every meeting and helped the SGA with anything they needed. He was instrumental in planning the

Panther Pride Week, and the Honors Convocation each year. In his first year, the Student Government often had to elect new members during the school year due to

a lack of involvement. This year, the same SGA stayed in tact for the entire year.

When asked about what Demski's departure will mean, Dean Coggins said the following:

"Gary is a fantastic man. He is loved by me, and will be missed by me. We will never replace him. We will hire someone to do his job but will never replace him. To me it's like losing a son, but I also want the best for him, so I would never step in a person's way. I wish him the best of luck."

Everyone who has worked with Gary Demski, or knows him echoes that sentiment. On behalf of the students of Purdue University North Central, I would like to say "Good luck Gary. We at PNC will miss you, but we know you will do an amazing job as Athletic Director at South Bend Clay.



Faculty, students given recognition at annual Honors Convocation

By Lyndsie Daikbi
Print Editor

Purdue University North Central's annual honors convocation was held to honor outstanding students as well as faculty for their efforts this year.

Awards were given for the following: Club Member of the Year was Carl Stambaugh for his work on the F.A.C.E committee as co-president.

Advisor of the Year was John T. Coggins

Organization of the Year went to both F.A.C.E and the Spanish Club.

Faculty awards were given for Part-time faculty in all of the colleges. The winners included Richard

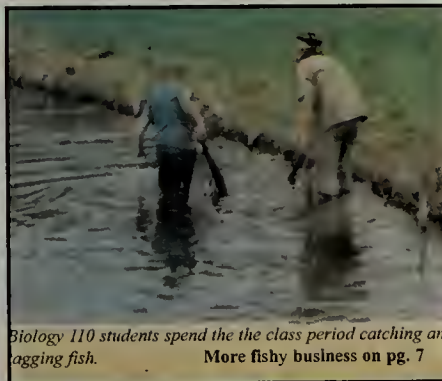
Sichtermann from the College of Business and Randall Downs from the College of Science.

Alpha Sigma Lambda and Lambda Pi Eta honored students in their organizations as well.

The SGA gave numerous awards including the Leadership Award which was given to Jon Charlson. SGA also gave three students scholarships.

The new 2008-2009 SGA members were also honored.

At the end of the ceremony outgoing Director of Student Activities, Gary Demski, was honored for his dedication to the students of PNC.



Biology 110 students spend the the class period catching and tagging fish. More fishy business on pg. 7

Commentary

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Fox News Wednesdays and Me:

Long-term side effects have yet to be determined

By Jessica Ring
Layout Editor

The television in the coffee shop has a pretty sweet flat-screen television. It also has a surround sound system coupled with basic cable.

I work as a barista on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mondays are generally a grab-bag of Star Trek marathons on SpikeTV, CNN, and occasionally the Discovery Channel. Wednesdays, however, are always reserved for Fox News.

Every hour on *Museful contemplation or utter misery?* the hour, the dull-eyed female anchor reminds me that the ensuing broadcast strives to be both "fair" and "balanced." The graying male anchor with the iron jaw furrows his eyebrows to be properly concerned about the Chicago family that died in the housefire. Five hours later, a different anchor has taken his place, repeating the same story, and furrowing his eyebrows in just the same way. The customers, students, and even the news anchors get to leave. I, however, remain behind the counter, listening to the

robotic voices repeating the same cycle every fifteen minutes or so. The rotation is, roughly: Election Story, Economic Crisis Story, Human Interest Story, Some



Sort of Animal Attack Story.

After roughly two cycles of stories, I become tired with the news. My mind begins to wander to obscure and unanswerable aspects of the broadcast. I find myself scrutinizing the blank, pancaked faces to find any semblance of humanity.

I wonder if she has a cat, I think to myself. Or if she goes home to an empty, Ikea-decorated flat.

Somehow, the female anchor in the orange cardigan fails to strike me as the type to be married.

He probably goes to Starbucks and yells into his Bluetooth headset while ordering things like a "Half-Caff no whip skinny machiatto sans vanilla with a pump of cinnamon." Clearly, I do not take to the dark-haired male anchor wearing the blue and white tie. I bet he says things like, "The homeless don't have jobs because they don't want to work."

The best part of my pathetic day is, of course, when the anchors adlib off of the cuecard, inserting their own commentary along the way. It may just be a sentence or two, but the result is usually comedic gold.

"Gosh, that sure is a big alligator!" they'll exclaim, or "It's never good when bears kill humans. Never."

After such an exchange, I expect some sort of matronly figure to appear and pat the offending anchor on the head, and perhaps even offer him a sugary snack.

Good job, the matronly figure would say, clad in a pink velour jumpsuit, "Yes, alligators are very big. Did you tell your teacher that? Here's a chocolate chip cookie!"

Of course, no matronly figure ever appears. My daydream fades, and I am alone with only the flat-screen television to keep me company.

The Final Editorial of April

What! Why am I wearing a cap and gown?

By April Hodge
Editor

Graduation Day is approaching rapidly and soon I will be one of the PNC alumni, if I finish my capstone with my sanity intact (as frayed as it already is).

Since this is my last editorial, I guess it's expected of me to reflect on my PNC life. Actually, I'm too busy to be able to reflect yet. It still doesn't feel as though I'm leaving. As I write this, I'm also writing two English papers, my capstone, and studying for my Spanish final. Mentally, I have not begun to leave campus. The idea of graduating is still stuck in the back of my head in suspension.

I had aspirations of working double-time to finish my assignments early so that I could enjoy my last couple of weeks at school. I had visions of playing badminton outside with the news staff, attending functions that I never had time for, and meandering around campus sighing wistfully at what I'll miss about PNC. Yah - not happening.

I'm frantically finishing papers, helping the incoming news staff get adjusted

(they're doing a great job), running kids to softball practices, preparing for graduation (a.k.a. ordering kegs for graduation party), trying to read all of my class material, studying for final exams, trying to finish another editorial...

See? Nothing has changed yet. Graduation Day is a destination I know I'll eventually get to. However, I'm still a few hundred miles

away on less than a quarter tank of gas (and at over four dollars a gallon, I'm going to need a good job). Please come to Commencement on May 19 if you want to hear that wistful sigh and look me up in July if you want reflection.

So, this is adios. I'd like to say thanks to (your name here).



Random Pic of the Month: 'Hapo



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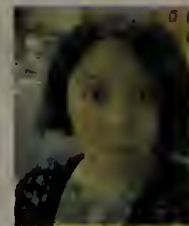
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Meet your new newspaper staff for 2008-2009!



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The Monthly Tune

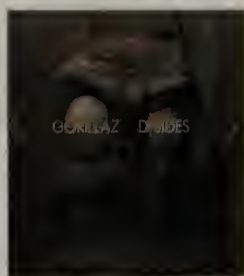
By Eric Radulovic
A&E Writer

The D-sides by the Gorillaz is the much anticipated release of the B-sides from the *Demon Days* album.

It features a breath of fresh air for the fans of the band with several remixes of classic tunes and previously unreleased material that has only been heard by the most tenacious of file-sharing lurkers.

This new release features two CDs and 23 tracks. The collaboration of Damon Albarn and Jaime Hewlett is the epic cartoon band that blends brit-pop, hip-hop, electronica and the occasional random stringed instrument to make awesome records.

The first CD is full of original content; the second disk is all the remixes of the classic songs from *Demon Days*, at night as the orange glow of a city in the distance begins to bloom out of the dark horizon.



In this current release they show off their skills with laid-back tunes like the opener "68 State," which is an instrumental track that reminds one of driving late "Spitting out the demons" is a jam that almost forces you to bob your head along with the beat.

The one track that gets the best treatment is the DFA Remix of "DARE," "DARE" is like taking a song that was already a dance party and turned it into a techno-laced night club filled with cartoon Go-Go dancers. This album is a requirement for all fans but has enough weight to draw in a new crowd.

International Film Fare

By Jessica Ring
Layout Editor

The King and the Clown smashed box office records when it was released in South Korea three years ago. It has since gathered remarkably large international acclaim, winning awards upon awards.

The King and the Clown tells the story of two clowns in 6th century BC, who make their livelihood by putting on performances that mock the king. They are promptly arrested, and are given the charge of making the king laugh, or else they will be beheaded for their insubordination. What is particularly unique about this Korean film is the relationship between the two clowns, Gong-Gil and Cheo-sun, and the conflict passions of the king.

Be not afraid, however. This is no *Brokeback Mountain*. Much of the societal issues and taboos are conveyed with glares and tears. The visuals of the film



are stunning. It is easy to get lost in the brightness of the costumes and scenery, only to find one must rewind to reread the subtitles. *The King and the Clown* was so successful, in fact, that it was South Korea's nomination for the international category of the Oscar's. It skyrocketed the career of Jun-gi Lee, the actor who plays Gong-gil.

The characters are engaging, and the storyline is always moving forward. For anyone ready to foray into the world of international film, *The King and the Clown* is a great place to start.

In pursuit of Lackey's 'One Good Knight'

By Trilaina Sibo
A&E Writer

Mercedes Lackey's eloquent approach to writing succeeds once again with her story *One Good Knight* (*Tales of the Five Hundred Kingdoms*, Book 2). In the second installment of her Five Hundred Kingdoms series, she brings to life Princess Andromeda, the not-so-typical princess. She isn't beautiful, and prefers the company of books and ledgers than men. The book explores the use of Tradition within fairy tales, using a fairly typical storyline of princess in distress, "evil" dragon, and knight to the rescue, with a few quirks thrown in. The story can be dark in parts, but can be counted on to lighten quickly with sarcastic humor, faulty traditions, and odd circumstances.

Lackey has a history of providing readers with atypical heroes, and does not disappoint with her very human princess and

knight in this installment. The book also explores family dynamics, using Andromeda and her mother to sort through teenage innocence, betrayal, and ruthlessness.

The story seems more geared to late teens than Lackey's other books, but is a good, simple read, especially for romantics and fantasy lovers. Though it is the second installment of the series, one need not read the first to enjoy this book. Check out Amazon.com for more reviews, and ways to purchase the book.



Reinventing Punk Rock's Spirit

Lightning Bolt sets bar for Electronic Noise scene

By Eric Radulovic
A&E Writer

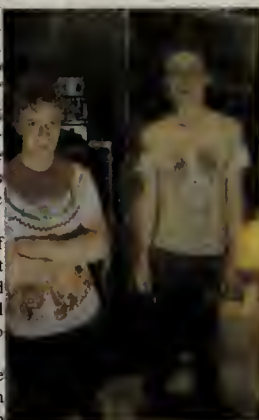
In the year 2001 the world was filled with strife and turmoil and somewhere in the state of Rhode Island two guys named Brian were reinventing punk rock for the masses. Lightning Bolt's first CD release "Ride the Skies" was an Earth shattering record that took the experimental sounds of Japanese noise bands like The Ruins and turned them into music to raise the dead.

The duo consists of bass and drums played at ear splitting volumes, and at speeds that most metal bands don't dare to achieve.

The hyperactive noise that spawns from them consists of Brian Gibson on a highly distorted bass tuned like a cello with a banjo string used especially for the high notes. Brian Chippendale is on drums that sound like they are being played by a jazzy avalanche of beats and vocals sung through a telephone receiver.

Their first CD was fol-

lowed by the epic record of 2003 "Wonderful Rainbow" which was 10 tracks of savage psychedelic noise. At the same time their first DVD was released "The power of Salad and milkshakes,"



which documented their tour of the U.S. in 2001. The DVD captured Lightning Bolt's signature performance style: Right on the floor, in the center of swirling crowds of hundreds of slam dancing fans, to venues as small as the kitchens of whomever is willing to let them play.

Finally in 2005 their latest release "Hypermagic Mountain" was something that sounds like the music of the spheres being played through the reverberations of an empty steel silo.

Now, why is this important? Good question. Punk rock started as an art form that was against the mainstream. Bands like Black Flag and the Dead Kennedys are legendary now because they were the obscure noise of the past.

Punk was never meant to be something you heard on the radio, it was something that was born out of frustration with the radio.

The counterculture of the past is echoed with the new noise of the future, because that mentality hasn't died. In 2002 Lightning Bolt toured with other bands in the same vein, The Locust and the now defunct Arab on Radar. This is the new "punk" this is that same mentality as Black Flag, but now it's fully reborn out of the ashes of the nineties alternative movement and it's something you'll never hear on commercial radio.

Film Review: Hot 'Mama'

By Rudi Greenberg

April 24, 2008

Source: The Diamondback, U. Maryland

Post-Will Ferrell "Saturday Night Live" has had its highs and lows, but one thing shone above all the others: Weekend Update with Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Fey has since left the show for "30 Rock," but now, "Baby Mama" reunites the duo in a chick flick as funny as it is sentimental. Fey, in her first leading film role ("Mean Girls" doesn't count; Fey may have written it, but Lindsay Lohan stole the show), stars as Kate Holbrook, the youngest vice president at Whole Foods knockoff Round Earth, who has just been tapped to spearhead Round Earth's new flagship store in Philadelphia.

She's a successful, 37-year-old single woman, but she's unfulfilled -- Kate wants a baby. But alas, Kate tries to conceive artificially nine times to no avail, and her doctor tells her she has a "one in a million chance of

conception."

So, Kate opts to hire a surrogate. The fee? \$100,000. The surrogate? The Dr. Pepper-drinking, ignorant-thinking, white-trash-looking Angie (Poehler, "Saturday Night Live"). Enter baby mama drama.

Angie rolls up to Kate's swank Philadelphia apartment in a trashed Suzuki with her common-law husband Carl (Dax Shepard). "He never asked me to be his wife, but he never didn't ask me. So, it's going pretty well," Angie explains. But then, the marriage goes bad and Angie, now carrying Kate's baby, shows up at Kate's apartment and effectively moves in.

Kate and Angie live together as a modern-day odd couple -- the strict, neat, healthy and career-driven Kate trying to tame the immature, messy, junk food-eating and TV-watching Angie. They learn to live together and even become friends -- a task that isn't so hard, considering the pair's chemistry. Fey and Poehler could go down as one of the

great comedic teams if they continue to make movies together -- the dichotomy between the two works extremely well. Fey is the straight man to Poehler's wackiness.

When Angie decides she's going to be Kate's surrogate, she reads Kate's energy (something she's apparently good at) and likes what she sees. "Kate, I want you to put your baby inside of me," she says.

"Angie, I'm going to put my baby inside you," Kate replies. Then, the pair embraces as the sun sets. That scene, plus the following insemination scene, defines the chemistry between the two. It doesn't matter if both characters have elements that are a tad unrealistic -- Fey and Poehler work so well together they make the characters more believable.

One might assume that with Lorne Michaels aboard as executive producer and a host of "SNL" cast members and alumni throughout the film,

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PNC Panther Poll: "What are your summer break plans?"

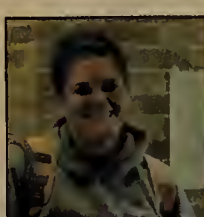


Damien Appel
Senior

"I'm graduating. Just taking it easy and starting with Americorp in the fall."

Jeremy Smith
Freshman

"Just doing some summer classes."



Kate Golden
Sophomore

"Working everyday. And going to summer school. And playing softball for PNC."

Tracy Markwell
Junior

"Playing on two softball teams, and just working."



Kimberly Romero
Freshman

"Working and going to school"

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National Alcohol Awareness Month: PNC, Swanson Center urge students to learn the truth about alcoholism

By Jonita Davis
Staff Writer

PNC Alum Fuji Stockstill turned the LSF into an alcoholism education center for students. Alcohol screenings were conducted, and students that needed it were offered counseling sessions with Diana Morovich, the director of student counseling here on campus.

Stockstill was there to offer any information that he could. He works with the Swanson Center's Passages program, so he has a lot of information to offer students.

"Many students don't abuse substances, but hang other that do. This normalizes the abuse."

Leading to addiction, which only adds to any problems the student already had. This includes "divorce, job loss, DUI [driving under the influence], OWI [operating while intoxicated], and legal expenses," according to Stockstill.

"People need to realize that there are more people who don't do it [drink excessively] than people

who do."

Stockstill believes that education is key to making students more aware of the dangers of alcohol. Many of the materials that he handed out tackled these issues. A flyer produced by Mental Health Inc., entitled "Alcohol Myths" ranked some of the most common myths.

Number one was "I can drink and still be in control."

This statement, according to the flyer, is false because "drinking impairs your judgment, which increases the likelihood that you will do something you'll later regret."

Another flyer illustrated the just exactly what a standard drink is, and how many of these drinks it would take to be considered at risk. The frequency and amount of alcohol ingested is taken into account.

PNC also hosted a Drug Free Task Force for law enforcement officials and the public. Law enforcement from several agencies came together for the event. Students can contact Diane Morovich

New student information system Banner to be implemented in July

The new student information system called Banner will be implemented during the summer (July 2008). The financial aid component of the new system is already live and students can access their financial aid for the Fall 2008 semester by going to the financial aid website at <http://www.pnc.edu/financialaid/index.html> and clicking on the Banner icon.

Over the summer students will be receiving addi-

tional information on how to access their student information. This new system will significantly change student, faculty and staff practices and procedures.

I would encourage all students that have not already registered for classes for Fall 2008 to do so before the end of the spring semester.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at lbarrett@pnc.edu

Annual VITA program aides public, students with tax preparation

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Ad Manager

For six Saturdays this past spring, 16 students, 1 professor and his wife gave up their mornings and afternoons to provide at least 650 hours of assistance to taxpayers.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, a service learning course at PNC, is a collaboration by the College of Business support staff, student from the class, volunteers from the community, a dedicated professor in Thomas Holets, M.S.A., M.M.Ed., C.P.A. and the IRS.

The nationwide program for volunteers run by the Internal Revenue Service, includes a very rigorous curriculum to prepare volunteers in preparing clients taxes. This was the 19th year PNC has participated in the program.

The program is open to anyone that meets income requirements and has a return that is not complex. Students are required to have previously studied tax theory and to take a test before working with taxpayers.

The returns rigorously reviewed and electronically filed while clients wait for no charge. "It was a wonderful

opportunity to get hands on experience preparing tax returns" according to senior Shelina Howard who participated in the course.

It was a particularly important year to file taxes, as it is a requirement to receive the economic stimulus checks the government will be issuing to eligible tax payers. There was a significant increase in the number of returns that were completed this year with a total of 115 returns filed with an amazing accuracy of 99% of the returns being initially filed error free.

The program provides more than just a learning experience. As Junior Jon Sichtermann put it,

"Preparing tax returns for elderly citizens was a very rewarding experience. In addition, the experience students gained was far more valuable than anything that could be learned in the classroom." Many of the clients are elderly individuals who have come several years running and provide their thanks year after year. The program was one more example of PNC's students reaching out to the surrounding communities with a helping hand.

Campus Blood Drive Meets Expectations Another successful drive emphasizes the importance of donating blood

By Danel Weaver

On April 15, 2008, PNC sponsored a blood drive carried out by the American Red Cross. Latrese Simmons, the official in charge of the event, said that they were well on their way to the goal of getting sixty units of blood. Blood donation is an important function to take part in for each unit of blood a life can be saved.

All blood types are needed and donation is non-invasive and simple. "It barely hurts at all-it's just a simple pinprick" commented Red Cross official Lynda Syed. As said on the official web site for the Penn State medical school, the procedures used in blood donation

are tried and true methods done by qualified professionals in order to ensure safety for both the receivers of blood and the donors. All equipment is carefully sterilized and tested to prevent the spreading of diseases.

The advanced methods used to store and process blood are also very amazing. Once your blood is drawn, a small sample is sent in for testing before the larger amount of your blood is utilized. Inside the containers where the blood is stored, it is combined with a preservative agent and another additive that will help to prevent your blood from clotting too early.

Another way that blood

donation can be performed is that you can donate individual components of your blood to help for specific purposes. For instance, platelets can be donated for use on patients who lack sufficient clotting factors. First, blood is separated into its components and then the unused portions of your blood are given back to you, leaving a solution of pure platelets for hospital use.

Also, qualified staff is used to ensure that the people who donate blood are treated fairly and safely. Before a person gives blood, several tests are done including blood pressure and iron lev-

els. Then each unit of blood is individually tested for infectious diseases before its use.

The blood drive may have been well along its way to reaching its goal of 60 units of blood. This is good news, but first we must consider the fact that there are 2437 full time students at PNC and yet only a few of these students gave blood this day. Surely we as a community can do better. Imagine if it was your wife, your daughter, your father, or your brother who was hurt and needed blood. Would you not hope that there was more concern in the community than just a tiny fraction of the people that could help?

PNC Students Accepted to Purdue Pharmacy Program

Westville - Three Purdue University North Central students who have excelled in their studies at PNC, have been accepted to the competitive Purdue University Doctor of Pharmacy Program.

The Purdue School of Pharmacy is ranked fourth in the nation and has high admission standards. This four-year program had a record 1,000 applicants from throughout the county, but only 160 qualified for admission. Among them were James Joros, of Valparaiso, Kelly Kilgore, Michigan City and Kevin Nelson, Michigan City. The incoming class of Purdue pharmacy students has a collective grade-point average of 3.67. Joros has a perfect 4.0 and Nelson tallied a 3.9. In addition to grades, the program looks at a student's on- and off-campus activities, their community involvement and work life in an effort to attract bright, well-rounded students.

"The program is competitive to determine who is dedicated enough to become a pharmacist," said Nelson. "I saw this as a challenge to prove that I was dedicated and qualified to enter the pharmacy program. The program stresses dedication; making the program this competitive shows who really wants to be there."

Kilgore, however, noted that some students do not realize just how competitive the program is. "In all honesty, I had no idea that pharmacy was such a competitive field when I first started. Thanks to the PNC Pre-Pharmacy Club, I was able to learn about the requirements and the application process for the program."

Her work paid off, as she was also accepted to the University of Cincinnati's Pharmacy Program. These students strive for excellence in the classroom, but balance that with family, work and other activities. "Sometimes combining everything was difficult. Eating and sleeping came last on my 'to do' list," said Joros. "My family has been supportive. Everyone at PNC has been supportive. They had faith in me, even when I did not."

Joros gives back to the University as a volunteer tutor helping students with math, chemistry, biology and physics - some of the most difficult subjects students face.

"I take pride in the many awards I received through the years, but my biggest achievement is being a father to two beautiful children - James and Jessica," he noted.

For Nelson, careful time

management allowed him to set priorities and keep things on track.

"It was not easy to keep things separate. It is important to find time for homework, extracurricular activities, work and personal life, without losing sight of the big picture or losing your mind. I kept my school work limited to the week and weekend days. I had weekend nights to unwind and relax. If I focused all of my time on just school, I would have burned out and would not have been as successful," he explained. He is the Pre-Pharmacy and Delta Sigma (Science) clubs president and is a math tutor.

Kilgore is an officer of the Pre-Pharmacy and the Rotaract (campus Rotary) club. She is part of the LaPorte County Big Brother Big Sister School Buddy program, volunteering as a mentor and role model for an elementary school student. She has participated in several student panels to talk to high school students about the importance of a college education. She will travel to Peru this summer with a PNC study group.

Both Kilgore and Nelson were part of PNC Delta Sigma Club trip to Tutwiler, Mississippi to help build

homes with Habitat for Humanity.

"This was probably my favorite PNC experience. We helped to build a new home - an experience I will never forget," said Kilgore.

Becoming a pharmacist seemed like a natural career choice for Kilgore. "My mother is a pharmacy technician and this sparked my interest in the career. When in high school my favorite classes were biology and chemistry. That encouraged me to go into a field of health care."

For Nelson, the field suits his personality. "Pharmacy is a people-oriented field. It is largely about serving individuals and the community and using your knowledge to assist others. As a pharmacist I will be able to apply my knowledge to helping others."

Joros added, "As a pharmacist I will try to positively impact the field to the best of my ability. I want to be in a field in which I can help other people."

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John Morley Earns Community Involvement Award

Westville - Purdue University North Central student John Morley of New Prairie was presented the third annual People Taking Action in Their Communities (PAC) Award presented by the campus TRiO Service Club to recognize a PNC student who has contributed unselfishly to the campus and surrounding communities.

Morley will graduate in May with a degree in Engineering Technology and a concentration in Building Construction Management Technology. Since enrolling in PNC in 2004, Morley has been an active member of the campus Construction

Club and has volunteered to help with projects that utilize his construction and management skills. He was nominated for this award by Martha Garcia-

Both know Morley through his campus and community projects and each submitted his name for the award, unaware the other was doing so.

The TRiO Service Club presented Morley with a plaque and made a donation in his name to an organization of his choice.

Back led a group of PNC volunteers in renovating an apartment at the Spring Valley Homeless Shelter in Valparaiso. Garcia-Saenz, the Construction Club and Morley were part of the PNC contingent.

"I was impressed with John, not only as a person, but as an individual committed to making a difference in his community. He is mature, capable, focused and someone who commits to a job until it is done and done correctly," said Back.

"Students sought his advice and assistance. He was fully

committed to this work, often staying long after other students had 'called it a day.' He was dependable; always there when he promised and ready to work. His knowledge and skills provided great comfort to me in knowing the job was being done right."

Garcia-Saenz recalls that she met Morley when he moved to Northwest Indiana from Illinois to attend PNC. "He was full of ambition," she said. He bought an old home to live in and restore. On campus he attended classes and jumped at the opportunity to join the Construction Club. The old home became a "laboratory" for Morley and his classmates to apply the concepts learned in class. That house was ultimately finished and sold. He then purchased a home built in 1895 to update. According to Garcia-Saenz, that work is



Saenz, associate professor of Building Construction Management Technology, and Judy Back, PNC Business Representative.

National economy slumps as Federal Reserve grows

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

Over the past few months, the economic crisis plaguing the United States has continued to grow. Now even Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says the country is slipping into a recession. Others hint at a "repeat of 1929," in reference to the Great Depression. As the problems worsened, more people have been wondering what actions the different branches of government have taken to alleviate the economic downturn.

In February, Congress passed the Economic Stimulus Package, which will send thousands of citizens rebate checks beginning in May. Supporters of the bill say it will boost consumption, which is the largest driver of gross domestic product. This in turn could bring the recession to a swift end. Critics counter by saying that polls show most people plan to pay off debt rather than spend the rebate check once the money arrives.

They also question where this money will come from. On April 10, the Senate approved a bill which would help people suffering through the housing crisis.

The bill has little support in the House or the White House. Democrats

see it as not large enough, while Republicans, including President Bush, fear the plan will provide tax breaks for those who took on risky mortgages. As Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala) put it, "in our zeal to help those who find themselves in extraordinary financial circumstances, we must be sure we do not do more harm than good."

While the House, Senate, and White House seemed deadlocked over what to do next, one group is taking drastic action. The White House approved a \$30 billion buyout of Bear Stearns, one of the nation's largest investment banks, by the Federal Reserve.

This move, which largely took the nation by surprise, brings up an important constitutional question: to whom does the Federal Reserve report? The Founding Fathers took great pains to ensure that a careful system of checks and balances prevented any single branch from becoming too powerful. They did not create the Federal Reserve; that happened in 1913. At that time, it was not made clear where this body fit into the Federal Government, but for most of its history, this issue was a moot point. Such is not the case anymore.

Harold Furchtgott-Roth, a former FCC

Commissioner, has expressed concern about Bernanke's attempt to gain more power. He describes several recent events as "potentially troubling." First, the Fed issued federal bonds in exchange for mortgage debt. Then the Fed worked with JP Morgan to help buyout Bear Stearns. Finally, the Fed is "attempting to avert chaos in the financial sector" by weakening the dollar.

Furchtgott-Roth cautions "the Fed's power can potentially be abused." He goes on to ask rhetorically "Did the Fed ask JP Morgan Chase for assistance with Bear Stearns, or vice versa? Why did the Fed go to JP Morgan Chase and not another bank? The very questions and many possible answers are troubling." The Federal Reserve reports to no other governmental entity. Its members are not elected by popular vote, nor are they appointed by the President and Senate. For all the potential problems this could cause, there seems to be little alternative as long as the President and Congress remain deadlocked.

As Furchtgott-Roth asserts "Mr. Bernanke will be meeting in private and negotiating actual outcomes. One can only hope that, for his practically unlimited power, Mr. Bernanke uses it with wise restraint."

Polygamist ranch in Texas gathers nationwide attention

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

In what has become a long and drawn out battle over children of a polygamist sect of Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Texas has been extended even further. More than 400 were taken from the sect's compound, Yearning for Zion Ranch in Eldorado, after reports of abuse were made; a teenage girl in the sect said that she was being abused by her much older husband.

After being kept together for 2 weeks in one location, the children were dispersed to different group homes and foster care facilities. As the children were leaving for foster care the adults of the sect were all having DNA tests done in order to find out who the parents of the children were.

The state of Texas won the right to put the children in foster care on suspicion that members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints pushed young girls into marriage and sex and

that all of the children were at risk because of this.

According to CPS and their placement plan, they plan on placing mothers under 18 with their children and will try to keep siblings together, however this task might be difficult since some sibling groups may consist of dozens.

All of the children are supposed to get individual hearings before a judge to help determine whether they will stay in state custody or whether the parents will be able to regain custody of their children.

Youth voters' interest and participation increasing

By Jenna Staul
April 24, 2008
Source: Daily Kent Stater, Kent State U.

The much-talked about youth vote made its mark in Ohio's March 4 presidential primary, jumping 10 percentage points from the 2000 presidential primary, according to a recently released study.

The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE) reported that 25 percent of eligible Ohio voters under age 30 participated in last month's primary, making up a 15 percent share of the state's overall vote. More than 5 million youth voters have participated in state primaries to date.

"Ohio's turnout rose sharply," said Emily Kirby, CIRCLE senior research associate. "In other primaries this year we've seen youth turnout double, triple and even quadruple."

Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary saw 14 percent of eligible youth voters participating, making up 12 percent of the overall vote. No exit polls regarding youth turnout were conducted in 2000 presidential primary to compare, according to CIRCLE.

"We don't do projections," Kirby said. "But we know youth voting had been on the decline from 1972 to 2000. We saw it increase in 2004 and 2006, so it suggests an upward pattern."

According to CIRCLE, 130,000 Ohio voters under age 30 participated in the Republican primary, while 348,000 participated in the Democratic primary.

Joe Amato, president of the Kent Political Union, said he hopes this election will encourage politicians to cater more toward youth voters.

"Politicians need to reach out to youth voters," Amato said.

"In the past it's been a

mix between who's failing who. Are politicians failing youth voters, or are youth voters failing politicians? When we don't vote, politicians don't pander to us. So it's a mixed bag on that one."

Matthew Segal, a senior sociology major at Kenyon College, isn't surprised by the recent surge in youth voting. Segal is the executive director and founding member of the Student Association for Voter Empowerment, a

Washington D.C.-based non-partisan organization that works to increase the youth voter turnout. Feeling dismayed after the 2004 presidential election, Segal founded the organization to promote voting to college-aged citizens.

Segal said the use of technology has bridged the gap between the polls and young voters.

"It used to be a very elitist, academic debate, and peer-to-peer technology made it a social discussion," Segal said of the election process. "Sites like YouTube allow for a new level of transparency."

Segal said the Internet makes grassroots campaigning even more accessible to voters but still has its drawbacks.

"It might be easier for someone to learn about a campaign from their computer," Segal said. "It's going to get bigger and bigger. The whole world is online now, and I would anticipate campaigns will recognize that." Still, this new brand of technology-driven campaigning may have its drawbacks.

"It's a little impersonal," Segal said. "You lose the personal connection of the campaign. I think at some point there will need to be a reconciliation between the two."

Rod Anderson, editor of Campus Progress, an online magazine dedicated to youth issues and activism, said a

sense of urgency about issues affecting the nation have fueled the rise in the youth vote.

"Young people are energized by a host of issues," Anderson said. "I think the war is a major issue. It's our peers who are dying overseas. Paying for college and getting jobs are huge issues."

We are directly affected by the U.S. health care system because when we graduate from college, we aren't covered by our parents plans anymore."

Anderson said issues at the heart of this year's election have shifted from previous years.

"I think those hot-button issues like abortion and gun control aren't the focus this year," Anderson said. "Youth voters are more concerned with foundation issues - it's the direction of the country. They are more concerned with issues than candidates."

Ryan Claassen, assistant political science professor, said despite optimistic studies and general increases in turnout, youth voters are still an under-represented group in the electorate.

"Not having looked at the study, I'm not surprised the youth vote is up," Claassen said. "The key question is whether this increase will make them better represented in the electorate."

Claassen said the overall increase in voters is a result of the hotly contested race for the Democratic nomination and is likely a fleeting phenomenon.

"I'd compare it to a prize fight," Claassen said. "The ones people pay big money to see are the fights where the combatants are well-matched. I think it's sort of like a pendulum. What goes up must come down."

Amato said he is optimistic that the number of youth voters will continue to thrive in future election

Indiana University students cast their election votes early

By Amy Burke
April 25, 2008

Source: Indiana Daily Student, Indiana U.

Filing through Indiana Memorial Union, students, faculty and members of the Bloomington community waited in line to cast their early votes for the Indiana primary election.

With Indiana's May 6 primary nearing, this event gave students registered in Monroe County an opportunity to cast their votes before finals are over and they head home.

"I've seen people handing out fliers in front of Ballantine all week," said freshman George Venious.

With Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama neck and neck in the battle for the Democratic Party nomination, Indiana's delegates could be the determining factor in the election process.

"We have never seen two people go at it like this," said sophomore Brittany Russell.

Many students found Alumni Hall in the IMU a convenient location to hold the voting.

"I feel like more people will vote because of the location," said Steve Selka, an Indiana University professor who was voting at the IMU on Thursday. "I may not have come if it was anywhere else."

Standing outside the Union reminding students to vote, sophomore and active volunteer for the campaign Michael Berbari passed out fliers while sporting an Obama pin. Despite last-minute campaigning efforts, students remained split between the two candidates.

"I am voting for Clinton," Venious said. "I'm not really sure what Obama stands for - he has too many slogans." But Obama supporters disagreed.

"Obama offers something new that the older generation cannot comprehend," Berbari said. "He offers a

different type of politics."

Obama's unannounced visit to the women's Little 500 on April 11 might have swayed some students' votes as well.

"I'm voting for Obama," said junior Kris Stephens. "My neighbor works for Obama support, and I met him the other day at the race."

With some students waiting in line for more than an hour, it was evident that the location played a major factor in those coming out to vote. Cameron Smith, the Van Buren township assessor, said there have been more people in line at the IMU than at the Curry Building, 301 N. College Ave.

The lines are definitely long right now; we've already seen evidence of that," Berbari said. "It might be different if we had this all week. This is kind of like IU's election day."

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Observers say candidates don't address higher education reform enough

By Johnny Perez
April 24, 2008

Source: Daily Nebraskan, U. Nebraska

Mike Huckabee strode into a banquet room at an elegant San Francisco hotel, clad in a dark suit and cowboy boots and filled with optimism about his long-shot presidential campaign.

California's liberal streak meant the former Arkansas governor and his slight Southern drawl were in

somewhat hostile territory. But the ever-conservative Huckabee still came to one of America's bluest cities on Jan. 31, days before one of the country's biggest set of presidential primaries, to woo potential voters with a sermon on his platform. Twenty minutes into a discussion on illegal immigration, Iraq and the U.S. tax system, Huckabee stopped to air a grievance he had about the presidential debates. Education - one of

Huckabee's self-proclaimed passions and something he said "gives people the ticket to hit the next rung on the ladder" - wasn't getting enough attention from prospective candidates. Candidates weren't talking about education, he said.

"And it frustrates the fire out of me," he said.

Higher education reform, an issue deeply pertinent to college-aged voters, has been eclipsed by a quagmire in Iraq and a floundering econ-

omy. Even young voters, who are participating in the political process more during this primary than ever before, have other priorities.

Young voters' first two concerns for the 2008 election were the Iraq war and health care reform, according to a Harvard University Institute of Politics study from 2007. Education finished near the bottom of the list, the findings said, with apprehensions about the country's

energy policy and economy. After Huckabee's speech, inside a weathered lecture hall at the University of California, Berkeley, about 50 of the campus's Democrats held a lively mock caucus for their preferred candidates.

Dionne Jirachakitti, a second-year public health major and supporter of Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, stood outside the door to talk politics. The issues Jirachakitti first identified as most important

were the war in Iraq and gay and reproductive rights, but she said higher education was a "huge issue." Jirachakitti's specific concerns included the increased costs of college attendance, limited access to higher education for students of color and limited funding for higher education institutions.

"No one really is talking about education," she said. "It's about the war and it's about health care."

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PNC victorious over St. Xavier

By Jesse Cartagena

The Purdue North Central Baseball team beat St. Xavier in a wild slugfest last Wednesday 16-15. PNC will continue games this weekend with a conference match up in Milwaukee, WI against Cardinal Strick. On Sunday, the Panthers will travel to Gary for a non-conference showdown against IU-Northwest.

The Panthers victory over the Cougars was the first in school history, but it did not come without some excitement. The Panthers started the game out strong grabbing a 5-0 lead after the first inning. However, St. Xavier took advantage of a rocky first by junior starter Ryan Curless and came away with four runs in their half of the first.

The game was a back and forth offensive seesaw battle throughout; there were five home runs in the contest-two by the Cougar, three for the Panthers. PNC found

themselves on the wrong side 16-14 score going into the top of the ninth. After a leadoff triple by junior Chris Schultz, senior Chris Stocker hit a two run home run to tie it up at 16 a piece. Two batters later sophomore Adam Kennedy hit a pinch-hit home run to give the Panthers a 17-16 lead. Schultz threw a scoreless ninth inning to finish off John Weber's 100th victory, since coming to PNC.

Stocker led the way offensively for the Panthers with three hits a homer and six RBI. A simple mind set was the key for the senior. "Its baseball we're playing the game not the opponent. I just approached this game like any other; it's just another pitcher in a different uniform trying to get me out."

Even though he takes it one game at a time Stocker has a clear-cut goal for this year's Panther team, "First place (in the conference) would be great, but I would settle for second. I do not

want to play in the CCAC conference tournament. I want an automatic bid to regional.

Kennedy has started most of the games this year as a catcher but sat this game with Stocker catching. By being attentive the entire game, Kennedy was ready when he was called to bat in the ninth with the game on the line.

"I was hoping the whole game that I was going to get in there. I was just trying to drive the ball in the gap and hit it hard somewhere."

Even though he has his own individual goals, Kennedy keeps in mind the team aspirations, "I just want to finish up strong this year at the plate, and especially defensively. I will help this team win anyway I can so we can get to the World Series."

Dave Dickerson went four for five with a home run to contribute offensively and wrap up the Panthers 13th conference victory. PNC is 22-14 overall and 13-3 in the conference.

PNC Softball Defeats 14th Ranked Team in Country

By: Jessica Brannagan and John Weber

The Purdue North Central softball team split a doubleheader verses Olivet Nazarene University Thursday, the April 17th in Michigan City. The Panthers won the first game 2-1 before dropping the nightcap 8-0 in five innings. PNC is now 19-17 overall and 7-9 in conference play while the Tigers moved to 37-5 and 14-1.

Olivet entered the games ranked 14th in the country and number one in Junior Stephanie Zaharias (pictured above) Region VII.

The Panthers 19 wins are the second most in the program's history. Last year PNC finished 21-17 overall and 10-8 in the CCAC.

In game one Jessica

Brannagan and Stephanie Zaharias scored PNC's only runs in the first inning and they held up. The Tigers scored their lone run in the third inning.

Brannagan reached on a walk while Zaharias singled to the left side. Brannagan scored on a single by Val

complete game win for the Panthers, allowing one run on seven hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

The Panthers fell short in the second game falling 8-0 in 5 innings. The game was tied through two innings before the Tigers scored two runs in the third and finished the game with six in the fifth.

Foust led the way with 2 singles and Minyard added a double for PNC who managed just three hits compared to 14 for the Tigers.

Toyas (11-6) started the game and allowed six runs on 10 hits in four innings of work. Alissa Whitaker came on in relief and

allowed two runs on four hits in one inning.

The Panthers are scheduled to play again on Tuesday when they host Marian College (IN) in a

Minyard and Zaharias scored on a ground out by Betsy Maher. PNC had just three hits in the game but they came at the right time.

Bethany Toyias earned the



Junior Stephanie Zaharias (pictured above)

PNC Baseball Team in Florida



Hormones, bone density put female athletes at risk for stress fractures

Latest study from American College of Sports Medicine confirms higher risk in young women athletes from varying causes

By Mark Viera
April 23, 2008
Source: Daily Collegian, Penn State

No impact or awkward motion foretold the injury, a break through Mary Waechter's left femur. It just cracked; the longest, hardest bone in the body cleaved itself at its weakest point while she was competing on her high school track team.

She suffered a stress fracture, not at all uncommon for intensely athletic females.

Stress fractures and bone injuries, doctors said, often stem from the issues of length and exertion during exercise, running, surface, footwear and the still unknown variable of genetics. But in women, this problem can be magnified to an extent unseen in male athletes.

Highly active females sometimes do not get the daily calories needed to support their athletic lifestyle. When that happens, those athletes might stop menstruating. Vital hormones, such as estrogen, are released during menstruation. When females do not receive estrogen and other hormones, it can weaken bone mineral density and leave those women more susceptible to stress fractures.

Waechter's story is representative of this condition -- energy availability, menstrual status, bone mineral density -- known as the female athlete triad. It is unknown how many females on campus may be affected by the female athlete triad. But those who have suffered stress fractures may not be aware of the female athlete triad or that they might not be receiving the proper amount of calories to support their athletic lifestyle.

"I was a young female athlete and I didn't realize that I needed to be putting in enough calories to support my athletic endeavors," said Waechter, a member of Penn State's triathlon and cross country clubs. "As I'm growing, I was burning energy that way and my body wasn't getting enough energy and I wasn't menstruating on a regular cycle; I was going three, four months at a time without menstruating. They told me this was probably the reason I had this stress fracture in my body, my hormones were off."

The root of the problem often lies within a female athlete's input versus her output, doctors said. Sometimes female athletes expend more energy than they consume, running miles and training for hours but subsisting on an average- or below-average diet.

This can be a result of disordered eating, such as anorexia or bulimia. Sometimes, though, female athletes take in a healthy 2,000-calorie daily total but burn as many as 1,000 calories working out.

"If you're running 26

miles, you don't want to carry a lot of extra pounds," Dr. Anne Loucks of Ohio University, who helped author the American College of Sports Medicine's latest position paper on the issue, said in a telephone interview. "Some of these women are trying to be as light as possible. They don't have an eating disorder, they just don't eat enough for what they're expending."

Low caloric energy can reduce the release of hormones important for bone strength and stop the menstrual cycle in a condition known as amenorrhea. The body may stop menstruating as a survival technique, shutting down non-essential functions such as reproduction in order to sustain itself. The lowered estrogen and hormone levels often result in decreased bone mineral density and strength, thus leaving certain female athletes at risk to stress fractures.

Problems with bone density at a young age could also be damaging in the future, Dr. Nancy Williams, an associate professor of kinesiology at Penn State, said in a recent interview. The body stops increasing its bone mass in the early 20s.

The process of resorption, the leaching of calcium from the bone, weakens the bones over a number of years.

Females who do not reach peak bone mass will be susceptible to fractures -- the theoretical point known as the fracture threshold -- at an earlier age than females who appropriately peaked in their youth.

Williams and Dr. Mary Jane De Souza, a recently hired Penn State kinesiology professor, are trying to organize a yearlong research program to study the impact of caloric intake on bone health and the menstrual cycles in exercising women. They are also trying to start up a female athlete triad task force, with a hotline and educational programs for athletes on campus.

In the 1980s, doctors began obtaining information that there happened to be more menstrual disturbance in athletes than non-athletes. First reports of altered bone density were also released during that time. The term female athlete triad was first coined in 1992 by the American College of Sports Medicine, which first released a position report on the condition in 1997 and revised it in the fall of 2007.

"There's definitely a recognition that this is a problem, that females are at risk just because of the huge energy expenditures at risk in competitive sports," Dr. Liz Joy, a female medicine and sports medicine physician at the University of Utah, said in a telephone interview.

"Do we still see athletes that come in are being told not having their period is normal? Yes. But in the last

10 to 15 years I have seen a considerable decrease."

Penn State's varsity track teams have not had much difficulty with stress fractures related to the female athlete triad, coach Beth Alford-Sullivan said.

"If an athlete's healthy and taking care of themselves and training at the correct intensity and correct volumes, it really shouldn't be a factor," she said. "If those things are out of whack, the female athlete triad might play out as being the reason the injury, their injury was created or comes about. But in reality, what we try to do is produce a healthy environment. We have a lot of resources between our doctors, trainer and nutritionists."

Waechter, the Penn State junior participating with the cross country and triathlon clubs, suffered her first stress fracture, a break in her left tibia, during the fall of her junior year of high school. She recovered and returned for the spring track during her junior year. But after just a few weeks of training for the spring season, Waechter felt pain in her left thigh. It turned out to be a stress fracture in her femur.

"It took a long time to diagnose," she said. "I actually ran on it three weeks after I had the pain. It didn't cross anybody's mind that my femur was broken. They weren't even thinking that. They thought it was my quadriceps or hamstring."

Prior to her injuries, Waechter trained intensely but only ate three meals a day: a big bowl of cereal with fruit for breakfast, maybe a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich for lunch and a home-cooked dinner each night.

By most normal standards, Waechter was consuming enough calories. But, when combined with her workout regimen, her intake amounted to very little. In turn, Waechter said, she lost her period for months at a time, which weakened her bone strength.

Despite her high school difficulties with the female athlete triad, Waechter remains committed to running. She trains six days a week in anticipation for triathlon and cross country competitions with her Penn State club teams. She runs about six to eight miles each workout day, swims for an hour about twice a week and bikes about 30 miles twice a week.

So even though she still works out regularly, she now eats six meals a day: breakfast, lunch and dinner, with substantial snacks after each.

"I was learning and being educated in this experience," Waechter said. "I learned that's OK for the normal person who is living on a 2,000-a-day diet, but when you're burning over 1,000 calories, you need to replace what you're burning to get up to 2,000."

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higher education to improve, however, is more of a challenge.

"You need to pull it apart a little, because there are a bunch of aspects of higher education," said Amy Wilkins, vice president for government affairs and communications at The Education Trust, a education advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

"When I was growing up, we were the best-educated nation on the face of the Earth, and that is no longer true."

Additionally, an explosion of ethnic diversity in the United States is not being reflected in campus demographics, and access to higher education for minorities and lower-income students is constrained, Wilkins said.

Still, Wilkins said the key higher education-centered issue that needs to be addressed during the campaign is the cost of going to school.

In 2007-08, the average annual cost of attending a public four-year institution in the United States increased 6.6 percent from the previous year to \$6,185, according to the College Board, a nonprofit education association based in New York City. Average rates at private four-year institutions increased 6.3 percent from last year to \$23,712.

During the past decade, tuition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has more than doubled, according to data from the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"We have to set our priorities, and our priorities have to be getting those lower-income families to college," Wilkins said.

Democratic presidential candidates Sens. Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois have articulated the most detailed plans during their stump speeches and on their campaign Web sites.

Both Democratic candidates have proposed to enact college tax credits that would pay \$3,500-\$4,000 of students' total tuition bills, increase the maximum Pell Grant, simplify the process to apply for federal financial aid and give money to improve community colleges.

Obama supports cutting federal subsidies to private lenders. Clinton wants to increase the scholarship college students who participate in the AmeriCorps program for a year receive to \$10,000.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the Republican presidential candidate, has mentioned higher education, but has focused on building an educational platform based on K-12 education.

Wilkins said current proposals to cut the cost of higher education weren't enough.

"The affordability issue isn't being addressed in a way that responds to the situations families are facing," Wilkins said.

While the dollars and cents of higher education have received some attention in candidates' press releases and campaign speeches, higher ed's limited prominence in the campaign has come as no surprise to some observers.

"I guess candidates don't feel like they have to thrust our issues, because we don't put pressure on them," said Carmen Berkley, vice president of the United States Student Association, a student advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

"It would also force the candidates to say a lot of tough decisions that they don't want to say - I think that presidential candidates shy away from it, and historically candidates have ignored students and issues of 18- to 24-year-olds," she said.

Newly-invigorated youth voters are responsible for making candidates pay attention and tackle higher education concerns from the federal level, Berkley said.

Wilkins agreed, but said the country's colleges and universities could not sit idly by, waiting for a new administration to provide direction.

"I don't want for a minute to suggest that individual institutions need to wait for the next president to address these problems," Wilkins said. "They shouldn't wait for Hillary, McCain or Obama to do this to them, they should be proactive."

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Fey wrote "Baby Mama" like she did "Mean Girls," but surprisingly, she didn't. The man behind "Baby Mama" is Michael McCullers ("Enough About Me"), a former "SNL" writer who was also one of the writers behind Mike Myers's "Austin Powers" trilogy. McCullers gets his first chance to direct here, and he does a formidable job. He makes some of the more ridiculous scenes (Angie's insemination) work, and manages to strike a good balance between absurdity and reality.

There's also an excellent supporting cast, with Steve Martin (The Pink Panther) stealing the show as Barry, the CEO of Round Earth. Martin's character sports a graying ponytail and talks about essences and out-of-the-box ideas. He's the extreme caricature of the corporate hippie. So, what is Barry's reason for opening a flagship Round Earth store in Philadelphia? "I was swimming with the dolphins in Costa Rica this morning when I realized, I'm a great man, and great men do great things." Barry's pearls of wisdom dominate every scene he's a part of.

Greg Kinnear ("Feast Of Love") also shines as the owner of an independent juice shop -- like Jamba Juice -- in the neighborhood the new Round Earth is moving into. Shepard, who famously got his start in Hollywood as a prankster on "Punk'd," isn't in the film much, but when he is, he has the redneck persona down pat.

Romany Malco ("Weeds"), who plays Oscar, Kate's apartment building's bellhop, is also funny as portraying the stereotypical black man with his own baby mama drama.

Baby Mama is an excellent film that straddles the line between chick-flick and straight comedy. While the film is aimed at thirty-somethings more than college kids, the film's humor can resonate with anyone. "Baby Mama" has the chance to propel both Fey and Poehler to stardom beyond their TV personas, and with how good they are in this movie, it looks like both are ready for it.

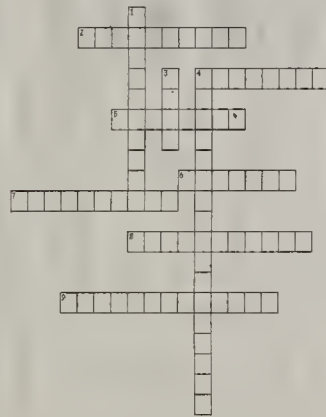
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5-9	Finals Week
May 12	4-week session begins
May 19	Commencement
June 9	8-week session begins

PNC Words to Know

Puzzle 9

Instructions: Complete the puzzle using the following terms/phrases: Drop/Add, Scholarship, The Portals Contest, Withdrawal, Bridge Program, The Voice, Chancellor, CODO, Dead Week, Sinai Forum



Across

- To complete paperwork to withdraw from a class.
- The student newspaper written and organized by students. Editor and co-editors are paid positions.
- The week before final exams.
- This is a 'time window' during which a student may change her/his semester schedule.
- A forum of professional speakers who discuss current happenings - free to PNC students.
- Award money that is applied to a student's tuition over one year.
- Students in this program take courses to help strengthen skills and prepare them for college level courses.

Down

- The person who is head of one campus of a university.
- An acronym for Change of Degree Objective
- An annual writing and art contest held at PNC. Entries are published in a paper literary journal entitled 'Portals.'

From 'John Morley' pg. 5

near completion.

In 2005, he volunteered for the first time with Rebuilding Together Duneland in Chesterton. He worked as a house captain and brought other students with him. The next year Morley was a project coordinator on the board of Rebuilding Together Duneland with his friend Brendan Fitzgerald. By spring 2007 they took charge of 15 projects and each worked about 400 hours each as coordinators. This year they are coordinating 13 projects.

"It is said that if you need something done, ask for help from a busy person," said Garcia-Saenz. "When someone is very busy, it is because that person wants to get things done. John is an example of this."

In addition, Morley was part of a class that took on a service-learning project to rework the brochures, website and publicity materials for Michiana Resources in Michigan City. His grades have earned him a place on the semester honors lists, too.

As a member of the Construction Club, he suggested handing out yellow plastic construction hats to freshmen attending the

annual new student orientation. Garcia-Saenz described that soon the campus looked like an "army of Bob the Builders had invaded." Club membership increased dramatically.

The Construction Club joined the National Association of Home Builders annual competition for college students again this year. At Morley's urging it competed in a more challenging level. While the team finished 16th out of 30 teams, it did finish ahead of the Purdue West Lafayette team, a point of pride for Morley.

"Our team knows for a fact it can compete nationally," said Garcia-Saenz. "John is the inspirational force behind the club. He held it together during the hard times. The club is thriving and is well known on campus and in the community. If only there was a way to clone John." Added Back, "John is kind and caring in his approach to people and his surroundings. He will make any situation better than he found it."

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Farewell, April!

To the awesome lady that shouldered the burden of running the newspaper almost entirely alone,

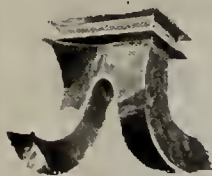
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The PNC Fireworks Show takes place August 29. Pride Week kicks off on September 2! Show off your panther pride!



The Voice



Purdue University North Central

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Chancellor Dworkin welcomes students New plans for school year, updates on campus events

Welcome to the 2008-09 academic year! This year promises to be another exciting one for Purdue University North Central!

To usher in this school year, I would encourage all of you to attend the "Back to School Blast" free fireworks display that will be held on Friday, August 29th. Parking for this event opens at 7:00 pm with the fireworks beginning at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets out to campus to enjoy what we hope will become an annual event.

This year I have pledged to do what I can to get the necessary funding for the Student Services and Recreation Complex at PNC. The Indiana General Assembly has already approved the architecture and engineering funding for this project.

On September 5th we will be interviewing architectural firms and will make a recommendation to the Purdue University Board of Trustees.

With more and more full-

time students as well as clubs and organizations, we urgently need this important addition to our campus. I plan to continue meeting with area legislators to discuss the project and strongly encourage them to approve the remaining funding for this structure.

I am pleased to announce that at its meeting on Friday, August 8, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved our seventeenth baccalaureate degree program. We have now added secondary education for the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) to our degree inventory.

We also hope to have another degree proposal on the agenda for the September meeting of the Board of Trustees. More degree options are essential if

we are to continue to meet the needs of the students and area employers we serve.

I am happy to report that after undertaking a national search, we have hired a new vice chancellor for academic affairs. Dr. Karen Schmid was selected from among more

than 50 applicants. She will be joining us on August 18. Dr. Schmid comes to us from Indiana State University where she served as Associate Vice

President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Schmid will be responsible for all matters pertaining to academic affairs at PNC. Please join me in welcoming her to campus.

I will continue my tradition of open office hours this academic year. Look for email notification of when these hours are scheduled. Hours are also posted on the door of my office complex. If you have a suggestion or concern or would just like to share with me your PNC experience, I welcome your visit.

I would like to close by wishing all students, faculty and staff a great academic year. PNC continues to be a growing and maturing campus. I look forward to seeing you around campus and at many of the events held throughout the year. Best of luck for an outstanding fall semester!

James B. Dworkin
Chancellor



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Open letter from PNC's Student Government Association President

Dear fellow students,

My name is Jonathan Sichtermann and I am privileged to serve as President of the Student Government Association for the 2008-09 school year.

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to welcome you to the beautiful campus of Purdue University North Central.

There are many reasons to choose PNC over other institutions. PNC offers a world class education close to home at an affordable price. When classes begin, you will find you are in much smaller classes than you would otherwise be in at larger campuses.

Additionally, PNC's excellent faculty is committed to the success of students. Professors are generally much more available here than at other universities.

Whatever your reason for choosing PNC, I am glad that you made that choice. This is an exciting time to be a student

at Purdue North Central, as the university celebrates its 40th anniversary. Plans are currently underway for the construction of a new state-of-the-art Student Activities Building. This will provide our numerous student athletic teams, clubs, and organizations with a place to train, meet, and hold events.

The campus offers over thirty organizations ranging from the student newspaper,

athletic teams, including the baseball team which just completed its most successful season ever by winning the conference tournament.

I encourage each of you to find a club or organization that interests you. Your college experience will be so much more enjoyable when you become involved in extracurricular activities.

I encourage you to make the most of your experiences at PNC by attending many of the fun events on the campus. Such events include the upcoming fireworks celebration, the winter formal dance, Purdue Pride Week, and the MLK Service Day.

By becoming involved you not only participate in fun activities, you will also become a more attractive candidate for potential employers or graduate schools once you graduate. Good luck in class. I look forward to seeing each of you on campus this year!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Sichtermann
Student Government President
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The Voice, to the Spanish Club, which gives students an opportunity to experience Spanish culture. There truly is something for everyone on this campus. For those interested in athletics, PNC offers four

Banner 411: Lowdown on online financial aid system

By Jessica Ring
Design Editor

At the end of last semester, school officials made a big to-do about the new financial aid system, called Banner. However, many students have expressed frustration and felt confused by the new system. Some reported filling out form after form without actually reading it in an attempt to be done with the lengthy process. A few changes require significantly more steps than in previous years, but in the long run the new financial aid system is beneficial to students.

The first major change is that PNC no longer uses private lenders like Sallie Mae. Instead, the loans are issued directly from the Department of Education. The rates for subsidized and unsubsidized loans have actually changed very little, if at all, and the question of instability among private financial institutions is removed. How easily a student's previous private institution loans can be consolidated with the new ones remains a question not yet clearly addressed.

The second change is that in order to get a loan, a quiz regarding borrower responsi-

bilities had to be answered. If the student does not answer 12 out of 15 questions correctly, the loan was not granted until the quiz was retaken. After three years of already haphazardly signing loan forms, the "counseling quiz" felt contrived, tedious, and slightly threatening on the Department of Education's behalf.

However, to first-time students, the information is greatly helpful. Percentages and payback expectations are clearly explained.

The final change is that students have to apply for a new Master Promissory Note through the Department of Education. The MPN permits the school to take out new loans in the student's name should the student request it in the future.

The amount of money available also appears to have increased.

While Banner is not the most intuitive system users have ever encountered, it does make a genuine effort at reducing the wantonness in which college students take out massive loans. It also allows students greater independence in managing their financial and academic affairs.

Questions? Comments? Submissions?
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Summertime Retail Hell: Tales from Lighthouse Mall



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

While the other editors of *The Voice* were gallivanting outside of Northwest Indiana, I had the great honor of being stuck in the area (with the exception of a week which you might read about in later article) working at the Lighthouse Mall. For those of you who do not venture into Michigan City, the Lighthouse Mall is probably the only place for people of college age to find jobs that will work around their class schedules and the like. The mall has a plethora of different stores that attract numerous different types of people. The combination of different people in the same space can create many different interesting situations. The following are a few of the "highlights" of my summer vacation.

This tale begins with a phone call from a lady who saw a dress in a large department store of the same brand as my store. Unfortunately we did not have the dress that she wanted, so we went to search and see if any other stores had the dress to no avail. However, we did have a tank and skirt in the same print as the dress that she wanted so the lady decided to buy said tank and skirt and sew them together to make the sought after dress. Don't despair I would not be telling you this otherwise boring story if there was not another twist, in conversations with this lady we come to find out that two

weeks out of the month one of her arms is slightly larger than the other one, so she wanted to order an extra skirt so that she might use that fabric to make attachable arms for the two weeks when one arm is larger than the other. Needless to say the lady was happy when she received her tank and two skirts and I now have a really unbelievable story to share.

This second tale from retail is quite unbelievable. When ringing up a purchase one day another associate in my store noticed that a lady was trying to pay with a counterfeit twenty dollar bill. Immediately I called the burly security men (mall security is a whole other story that would take a whole editorial in and of itself, but feel free to ask me about them sometime) who then come, verify that indeed the money is fake, call the police and begin to question the lady. The lady becomes very antsy saying that her deadbeat boyfriend gave her the money for child support. She got so antsy that she then asked the mall security officer if she could go outside and smoke and of course the security officer allows her to do so. Then while they are outside and she is smoking the police arrive and search and question the lady right outside my store. Then the police then came into the store with questions for us and some news. Apparently the women had about \$200 in counterfeit money hidden in her purse (I guess the whole deadbeat father story was a lie) not to mention some other illegal objects.

Needless to say my summer of work was rather interesting. Sometimes I actually think that it has been a good thing. I have learned how to work with and around many different people and hopefully in the long run I will be a better person in doing so.

What is the airline industry doing? From the notoriously bad O'Hare to theft by the TSA



By Jessica Ring
Design Editor

I have flown three times in the past year. Two of those three flights were to international destinations. Previously in the post-9/11 world, news stories about frustrated travelers and a little agency called the Transportation Security Administration would garner little attention from me, as the relevance was low. However, between sleeping on an airport floor in Dublin and having articles of clothing stolen from my suitcase, I have developed a pretty solid opinion about the state of the airline business.

It appears that the airport is the new DMV. Surly employees, long lines, and an intense feeling of being rushed but delayed simultaneously dominant the landscape of O'Hare. The DMV has made considerable improvements to its notoriously bad service, but it appears that airports, especially with the TSA, have free reign to treat already-paid travelers as poorly as they deem fit.

O'Hare International Airport is, hands down, the worst. On my most recent flight, a TSA agent physically pushed my mother and yelled, "Get the hell out of my way." As our flight was leaving

momentarily, we did not have the time to file a complaint or risk missing the flight. Airline employees know this. If they are rude or unhelpful, it is unlikely that you will return to inquire about whom the offending employee is and take the time to register a complaint with an authoritative figure. More likely, the victim will sigh and run towards the gate, flustered and confused.

Physical assault not enough? How about theft?

Over the holidays I went to Utah with my boyfriend to visit his family. Upon arrival in our hotel room, two hours away from Salt Lake City airport, my significant other found a note proclaiming that his bag had been inspected by the TSA. What we found were that the handles to the small gift boxes we had purchased

received a response. Oh yes, and that very same suitcase was returned to us two weeks after we returned home. According to a Delta representative, the TSA fell behind while examining our bags and it was mailed via UPS to my house.

What a surprise.

The kicker is that it remains questionable whether the TSA is actually even helping airport security. In 2006, CNN reported that a series of tests conducted found that 75 percent of fake bombs were passed through LAX without being detected. With that kind of accuracy, I suspect that perhaps the missing jeans were probably extricated in case they turned out to be "terrorism jeans." Perhaps more ridiculous is that my two anecdotes, as outlandish as they seem, are hardly isolated incidences. According to ConsumerAffairs.com, the American airline industry has reached a seven-year low in its customer satisfaction rating.

When will airlines scrape the bottom and start to bubble back up? Soon, hopefully. One of my cousins living abroad wants to visit the United States next year, and I do not want to have to explain to her why various articles of clothing (or entire suitcases) inextricably went missing, or why some power-hungry TSA agent bullied her as she attempted to pass through customs. In her country, might I add, security officers carry AK-47s but treat passengers with the utmost respect and courtesy.



had been smashed in with a blunt object and forced open (all that was required was lifting the latch up) and that a pair of jeans were inexplicably missing. I tried to call the 1-800 number provided, but the wait was (no joke) one-and-a-half hours to speak to a representative. When we arrived home, I filed a complaint via their website, but never

New ideas more important than new faces

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

Newsflash! Americans are upset with the people they've sent to Washington. Can you blame us? Seemingly everyday Americans have to listen to the same old drivel coming from the leaders in Washington. The last sixteen years have been defined more by droll attacks from each of the two parties than by real action.

The great thing about America, however, is that every four years brings the promise of something new: a new administration, a new Congress, new policy initiatives. At the very least, Americans can hope for new faces, which sadly is all we can expect this time around. There certainly are not a lot of new ideas being floated by our candidates for high office.

Take for instance Senator Obama's idea of using the windfall profits tax to redistribute wealth from the rich to the poor. Jimmy Carter tried this trick in the late 70's and it did not turn out so well. According to a recent study, the reintroduction of a windfall profits tax would have disastrous effects on retirees. This tax would target the owners of stock, and according to the study pension accounts would lose between "\$8.7 billion to \$50 billion per year."

That hardly sounds like robbing the rich to feed the poor.

Then Obama lectures over 75,000 followers in Oregon about how Americans need to cut our energy consumption so the rest of the world will like us. Jimmy Carter did this too. Americans were faced with high oil prices during the Carter years, and instead of doing something to help Americans he told people to "wear a sweater."

On the other side, Senator John McCain has been around long enough to hear all the debates. He was probably even present at the debate over whether to ratify the Constitution. Yet he still has not found problems with some of the policies of old. Take for instance McCain's "comprehensive" immigration solution, which was eerily similar to the laughable 1986 Simpson-Mazzoli bill. McCain's bill incorporated the same ideas to deal with the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the US that the 1986 law used to deal with the estimated 3 million illegal immigrants in the US at the time. It didn't work then; why should it now?

In fact, these two men haven't even been able to come up with new identities for themselves. McCain repeatedly calls himself a "foot soldier in the Reagan Revolution." Obama went on

the radio one day and compared himself to John Kennedy and, interestingly enough, Reagan. Instead of trying to be the second Reagan or Kennedy, why don't they try being the first McCain or Obama?

This country needs someone new, but more than that someone with new ideas. This country needs someone willing to stand up with fresh ideas, and a plan to implement those ideas—not just platitudes and rhetoric.

This country needs a voice of reason in an insane world. This country needs me, and that's why I'm asking you to send me to Washington to fix this mess.

I will end our nation's dependence on foreign oil. I will reduce the size of the government. I will protect the freedoms of all Americans. I will ensure the environment is protected for future generations.

Wait a minute! On second thought, I've reconsidered. After looking over the laundry list of things I need to do I feel like echoing what Reagan said in 1973: "The thought of being President frightens me and I do not think I want the job." Instead, I'll just rant about the previously mentioned issues this year in my monthly editorial. Enjoy!

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Campus News

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Brief history of Purdue North Central

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

The first day of college for anyone can to say the least be a very stressful situation, whether it be because you are unfamiliar with the campus and what it has to offer or whether it be because you just do not know what to expect. In an attempt to alleviate some of the nervousness that accompanies the first day, here is a history lesson about Purdue North Central.

After World War II Purdue University became well known all across Indiana by offering technical courses at extensions, in northwest Indiana there were two extensions, one in LaPorte and one in Michigan City. The extensions offered the freshman engineering program.

In 1948 the LaPorte county extensions were

combined into one setting. Catherine Barker Hickox, the daughter of a wealthy industrialist from Michigan City, donated Barker Mansion as the permanent



Barker Mansion

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home of the LaPorte county extension.

With enrollment to the extension campus in 1962 Purdue purchased farmland on Highway 421 and named the campus Purdue University North Central. The first building, the Education Building (later

renamed Schwarz Hall after Robert F. Schwarz the first dean) was opened in the fall of 1967.

In 1975 the second building was opened and named the Library-Student-Faculty Building. In 1985 a Robotics and Flexible Engineering Technology Laboratory was built.

This lab was moved to the Technology Building when it opened its doors in 1995.

In 2000 the Valparaiso Academic Center was opened to "serve the professional development needs of management and technical professional as well as degree-seeking adults".

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Cool huh?
Oh! It shoots video now too!



Saying Goodbye to Gary Demski

Director of Student Student Activities takes position at SD City

by Jonathan Sichtermann in Campus News

When Gary Demski came to Purdue University North Central five years ago, he had no idea what changes would occur on campus during his time here. Demski has served as the Director of Student Activities since July 2003, but will be leaving PNC in May to accept the position of Athletic Director at South Bend Clay High School. 1 Comment



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New, improved website for The Voice

Campus-wide e-mail to be effectively centralized

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

With the start of the fall semester, The Voice is embarking on its second year of offering a weekly internet edition in addition to the monthly print edition. Last year, The Voice writers wrote an article each week for this online edition but there was a perception that few people read the web edition. Hopefully that will change this year.

The web edition ended the 2007-08 school year on a high note, enjoying its best week ever during the last week of classes before final exam week. On average nearly 100 people visited the site each day during that week, with the high water mark being set at nearly 250.

The staff hopes to

attract even more visitors this year. The website has been completely redesigned and now offers many new features. For instance, a special section will be devoted to highlighting one campus club or organization each week, and the website will offer a calendar to keep students and faculty informed as to the upcoming events around campus.

The greatest change will be the expansion of the email edition. Online subscribers have always received The Voice's free monthly online newsletter. This year, however, the newsletter will come out each week instead of each month, and will replace the multitude of emails sent out by the Dean of Student's office in past years.

In response to several student surveys that indicat-

ed students were unhappy with the amount of email they received, the Purdue North Central administration has streamlined the process. Now instead of receiving ten different emails each week, students will receive one email from The Voice listing the upcoming events.

Despite all of these exciting changes, one thing will remain the same. The staff of The Voice is still committed to providing PNC students, faculty, and staff with the same balanced and accurate reporting of events that the PNC community has come to expect. The Voice editorial board hopes that all members of the PNC community visit www.thepncvoice.com and sign up to be on the free weekly email mailing list!

CAMPUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 25

Fall classes begin

August 26-29

Late registration/drop classes

August 29

Fireworks show at 7 p.m.

September 1

Labor Day

September 14

Sinai Forum presents Tucker Carlson. Free for PNC students

September 17

PNCWA Bake Sale

October 5

Sinai Forum: Michael Chorost

October 7

SOCAT Exam Deadline
Test out of C&IT107

October 11

ODESSEY sculpture opening

October 13-14

Fall Break

October 26

Sinai Forum: Antonia Novello

November 4

SOCAT Exam

November 6

PNC Fall Open House

November 9

Sinai Forum: Dennis Ross

November 26-28

Thanksgiving Break

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Sinai Forum: Jeffrey Toobin

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Classes End

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Rocky Horror Picture Show returns Cult classic hosted by Hobart's historic Art Theatre

By Amanda Christensen
Staff Writer

It's back!

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" made its grand reentrance in to Northwest Indiana this past summer. The midnight cult sensation was welcomed back into the arms of its many devoted fans July 26th. The beautiful and historic Art Theater of Hobart is now serving as a home away from home to the devoted followers of the underground cult classic every Saturday night.

Opening night was a sight to behold as a line of fans began to form hours before the movie was scheduled to start. (One couple arrived nearly six hours early just to make sure that they were the first through the doors.) The line outside was not like many other lines one might see at a regular showing of a movie. Lined down the sidewalk leading away from the theater were people dressed in outfits that seemed to belong more in a lingerie catalogue than on a quiet street in Hobart; but to those who embrace and know the movie it was a sight they had missed for almost two

years.

The last Rocky Horror home had been at the Crossroads Cinema in Merrillville for 13 years before it closed its doors for the last time almost two years ago. All hope for the show's return had almost been lost when the Crossroads was demolished. Then just a few months ago flyers started to go out to announce the return of the movie at its new home.

The shadow cast and crew, The Pink Invaders, at the Crossroads had held onto hope that the movie would be given a second chance and a new home. One day the hope of the cast was rewarded when Matt Kniola talked to the manager at The Art who in turn talked to the owner, Scott Frey, who gave the new cast and crew, Help Me Mommy, who originated as The Pink Invaders, a chance.

The purpose of the shadow cast, to those who are

unaware, is to act out the movie in front of the screen. The cast aren't the only people who get involved during the showing of the movie. As a rule, Rocky Horror is an audience participation show that encourages shouting during the movie and even throwing toilet paper across the seats. The participation is encouraged so much that the cast



sells "survival packs", for only a dollar, which includes some things that a person can use to interact during the movie as it includes your very own roll of toilet paper, rice, and other goodies.

In short, if you are looking for something different to do on a Saturday night you should give Rocky a chance. To those who have gone before encourage others to join you and the new cast in an experience that promises "absolute pleasure." After all, where else can you go dressed in a corset and fishnets and "do the time warp again?"

Myspace bands worth checking out

By Trilaina Sibo
Staff Writer

Looking for easy listening as you jump headlong into the stresses of school this semester? If so, French band Kwoon is perfect. The band is almost dream-like in sound, perfect for relaxing after a stressful day of getting back in the swing of things.

The music features smooth acoustics, often rising to energetic crescendos toward the end of the song.

One can find them at myspace.com/kwoonmusic, or find them on Youtube.com to see some of the truly beautiful, yet strange, music videos they have, especially 'I Lived on the Moon,' which features a giant singing radish.

There is a band website at www.kwoon-music.com, but unless one understands French quite well, this is pretty much worthless except for the music downloads available. While they are not scheduled to appear in the U.S. any time soon, there is a new album set for release in Christmas 2008.

On the other end of the spectrum, California artist Daedelus specializes in electronica and experimental music. The beats are energetic and new, while still carrying hints of bands like Daft Punk.

The songs start strong, and only get more added to them as they progress. At times, the sound can get confused and somewhat garbled, but the overall sound is fun and energizing, perfect for late night

study sessions we all know are coming far too quickly. The new album, 'Love to Make Music,' came out in June, and by visiting the band website at <http://daedelusmusic.com>, listeners can download the new single for free. Daedelus is also on Myspace, at <http://www.myspace.com/daedelusdarling>.

Somewhere in the middle comes Jaclyn Rae. The singer/songwriter hails from Florida, and has an absolutely beautiful voice. The trio produces a smooth electronica sound with jazzy influences, and hits on harder subjects.

The band's website is currently under construction, but some of the tracks can be found at their Myspace page, myspace.com/jaclynraemusic.

Radiohead show in Noblesville transcends traditional concert, approaches ethereal experience

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

When Radiohead comes on the radio it is like time stops. Even if one does not really like the band, they are impossible to ignore. Everything suddenly conforms to the sounds of the Radiohead's music.

The Radiohead concert in Noblesville was like the whole universe was being aligned with the sounds coming from the stage. You could hear galaxies being poured through the speakers and spread across the audience. When the band first took to the stage the sun was moving closer to the horizon and illuminated the clouds, so everything was quite picturesque.

Thom Yorke walked to the microphone and announced to the crowd that they were not Kid Rock, and he apologized for any inconveniences that may have caused. They played through most of IN RAINBOWS flawlessly but without much recognition from the crowd, which numbered into the thousands.

The main body of the applause came when they played older material that everyone in the audience knew

by heart and sang along with in perfect time with Thom leading them.

They performed spectacular versions of "Idioteque" and "Everything in its right place." The one song that everyone as far as the eye could see including the security was singing along with "Karma Police." The night was floating on the music on the stage as they played two encores to the crowd that was pleading them onward with standing ovations. The concert lasted for about four hours as they played with little or no breaks in the music. Not even from Thom Yorke, who had several opportunities to charm the audience with witty banter and his dapper British accent, but refrained in favor of giving the audience what they paid for.

That concert had a special air to it. Maybe it was the crowds of people united by a love you music, maybe it was the sunset as ethereal music rolled around us all, maybe it was the billowing clouds of pot smoke that floated through the audience. Either way it was a night to remember, that stopped time for a moment and reminded us all of what you get when you mess with love.

The Dark Knight lives up to and beyond media hype

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

When most people think of Batman they think of one of two things: Adam West in the campy 70's TV show that was always on at the same bat-time and on the same bat-channel, or Val Kilmer. In both of those instances nobody really thinks about the Joker.

Many actors have tried to be the Joker and have gotten really close to pulling it off. However, after watching "The Dark Knight" one can see why Heath Ledger has so much Oscar buzz on him.

Sure, lots of people are going to say "Of course they are going to give it to him, he's dead." The death of Ledger was caused by an accidental overdose caused by sleeping pills.

Some report it was because Ledger took his role as the Joker too seriously, but the reports are unconfirmed. Regardless, of all the Jokers, Ledger's performance was the best. The raw intensity he brought to the character made him more the lead character than Batman, which is sad

considering it is a Batman movie.

Most of the time viewers are waiting for Bruce Wayne to stop talking and The Joker to take the screen. All viewers are thinking in the darkened theater is: "I got a fever, and the only prescription is more Joker."

Frankly in this film all the actors give phenomenal performances, except for Christian Bale. Batman has never been such a boring person.

This new series of Batman movies is meant to be darker and more serious than the Batman films in the early nineties, but Christian Bale could have tried harder to give his character more emotion. Perhaps he was just pushed off the screen by Heath Ledger's epic performance.

The Joker really did shine in this movie, especially in the very memorable scene where he performs a 'magic trick' with a pencil.

The fluid nature of Ledger's performance really shows what a great actor he was.

Sunday at the Bristol Renaissance Fair

By Jessica Ring

Every summer, the Bristol Renaissance Faire visits the town of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Roughly a two hour drive from Northwest Indiana, the Faire provides a myriad of entertainment for a day of fun.

Shows include sword-fights, jousting knights, and a visit by Queen Elizabeth. Street performers crack flaming whips and eat mud for money. For a price, one can even lob tomatoes at the face of an insulting jester.

The Faire itself is huge. Blocks of shops and eateries stretch as far as the eye can see. Shopping ranges from pirate coats to pagan art, but it is a bit pricey.

Faire employees are expected to keep in character, but dressing up on the customer's behalf is not required. However, some do dress up, and people watching costs nothing.

The Faire ends September 1. More info at: renfaire.com/bristol



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The Left and Right of Things...

A special debate from The Voice editors



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August Debate: The Energy Policies of Obama and McCain

With the election coming ever closer, and gas prices rising, several issues have risen to the forefront of American voter's minds. And like most other policy issues, the presidential candidates, Barack Obama and John McCain differ dramatically on what they think should be done to alleviate the problem at the pump.

Barack Obama has what he calls a New Energy Plan for America which will provide short term relief in terms of gas prices by enacting a Windfall Profits Tax to provide a \$1000 emergency rebate and by moving oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower the prices.

Obama believes that with his plan we as a nation could eliminate our dependency on Middle Eastern and Venezuelan oil within 10 years. To do this, Obama wants to increase fuel economy standards, get one million hybrid cars on the road by 2015 and also create a new \$7000 tax credit for purchasing said hybrids and other advanced vehicles.

Another part of Obama's plan includes a goal that by 2012, 10 percent of our electricity comes from renewable energy sources and that by 2025 at least 25 percent. Obama wants to weatherize at least one million low-income homes each year for the next decade which would reduce energy usage.

Obama also wants to develop and utilize clean coal technology. Obama

would have the Department of Energy enter into private partnerships to develop five "first-of-a-kind" commercial scale coal-fired plants with clean carbon capture and sequestration technology.

As president, Obama would also work to facilitate construction of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline. This objective in Obama's energy plan, like the previous two goals, would create thousands of new "green" jobs thereby boosting the economy a second time.

One of Obama's final goals in his energy policy is to reduce the United States greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050 and to make the US a leader in climate change. To cut the greenhouse gas emissions Obama has a cap-and-trade policy that would require all pollution credits to be auctioned and the proceeds will go to investments in a clean energy future and rebates and other transition relief.

To make the US a leader in climate change he would re-engage in talks with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which is the main international forum that is dedicated to addressing the climate problem. Obama would also create a Global Energy Forum of the world's largest emitters to focus on global energy and environmental issues.

As Senators John McCain and Barack Obama prepare to enter the stretch run of their race for the White House, one issue has quickly become the major focus of the election: energy policy. With the national average for a gallon of gas now hovering around \$4.00, many Americans are feeling the effects on their purchasing power. The price for a barrel of oil has dropped since President Bush signed off on offshore drilling, but no other governmental action has been taken to alleviate the energy crisis.

For his part, Senator McCain prefers the use of incentives to persuade people to go green rather than government mandates to force them to do so. For instance, he proposes a \$300 million prize for the group that develops "a battery package that has the size, capacity, cost and power to leapfrog the commercially available plug-in hybrids or electric cars."

While this proposal was scoffed at by some in the media when it was announced, the monetary award would go a long way in offsetting the research and development expenditures a company would need to spend to develop such a battery. Senator McCain would further offset private sector R&D costs by "establishing a permanent tax credit equal to 10 percent of wages spent on R&D."

Unlike his opponent, Senator McCain does not support a windfall profits tax on oil companies, which in

the past has reduced research and exploration into new forms of energy.

Senator McCain knows the value of utilizing other forms of energy as well. In particular, McCain advocates increased usage of clean coal and nuclear technologies. The United States has not constructed a new nuclear power plant since the 1970s; in that time countries such as Japan and France have increasingly utilized this zero emission source of energy. McCain envisions "45 new nuclear power plants by 2030."

Despite all the talk from both of the presidential candidates, neither man can take any real action until he takes the oath of office in January. Congress, on the other hand, can take action now but has failed to do so. On August 1, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and the Democratic majority voted for adjournment, without allowing an energy bill to come to the floor for a vote. As a result, a small band of Republicans stayed in Washington to protest. This group, known as the "guerilla Congress" has spoken on the floor of the House of Representatives about their bill for nearly two weeks.

The Republicans' actions will not result in a new energy law, but they have ensured that the issue will come up again when Congress reconvenes in September after the conventions. In the meantime, the two presidential candidates are likely to keep this issue in the forefront of public attention.

China's success good for world economy

By Kayla Mrozinski
Staff Writer

The Olympics have always been the biggest athletic competition in history. The goal: to bring home the gold. However, does the prize contribute to more than just an individual athlete's pride or more of an entire country's dependency?

Many controversies have arose from the 2008 Summer Olympics being held in Beijing, China. From the air pollution scare to the awareness of China's communistic government, many Olympic stories have gone beyond strictly the Games.

The question arises: How do the Olympics affect the economy?

China has spent an estimated \$50 billion to prepare for the Summer Games. With a \$4 trillion/year gross domestic income, the country can afford to host.

The money has been spent to reconstruct highways, roads, subways, and even airports for the worldwide visitors and congested travel. A large majority effort has been put towards environmental cleanup due to high air pollution and smog.

The efforts are beneficial

politically, but the opposite goes for the economy. The Olympics have been said to be better for business for the future, and the expenditures being distributed are investments for the future of China, not just for the Games. However, when the economy grows, living standards are also raised due to the country's vast population which can result in poverty.

Many argue that the money spent could have been distributed elsewhere such as to the healthcare system and to welfare. However, the government defends their idea that present expenditures have been saved for such ideas which is operated in the healthcare and welfare systems, something entirely different from the Games. Earthquake Sichuan has dented the country and put many in poverty and struggle.

China is said to be putting efforts towards reconstruction and development, but rumors have argued otherwise.

Ultimately, if China succeeds in the 2008 Games, the rise will improve confidence and move people towards economic engagement which in turn will benefit the world, especially the United States, due to the dependency of exports.

Do the ends justify the means?

Questioning praises of a historic human rights violator

By Jessica Ring
Design Editor

Every four years, athletes from all over the globe gather to compete in the ancient Olympic Games. Ideally, politics are supposedly put aside as the world unifies over a sporting competition. However, some political decisions are too egregious to ignore. Allowing China to host the Olympics is good for international relations to the largest powerhouse of cheap labor and goods, but how are the people of China faring?

It has already been reported by MSNBC that the beautiful fireworks display during the Olympic ceremony was "digitally enhanced" to make it appear as if there were more fireworks than actually present. No surprise from a country that has repeatedly come under fire for photograph manipulation, dating as early as the days of Chairman Mao. China is also a country that supports Sudan's policy in Darfur, and refuses to relent on its policy regarding Tibet. However, though we are supposed to ignore those politics for the duration of The Games, what about the ethical concerns of the people who suffer for the Olympics?

The intense amount of effort and money China has put into catering towards foreigners for two weeks is mind-

blowing. Their PR image as the "new, friendly Communist China" has been met with considerable success. However, in their effort to bring in foreign money, the people of China have suffered immensely.

As many as ten people have died during the construction of the National Stadium (though the Chinese government maintains that it was only two deaths and three "light" injuries). The stadium cost roughly 425 million USD. According to an article by the Seattle Times, ethnic Tibetans are banned from Beijing during the Olympic Games. At least 15,000 people were relocated during the Olympics.

The Chinese government claims that the compensation was fair, however protestors report that they are threatened with job dismissal or worse if they voice their concerns. On top of the relocation, two million cars were abruptly banned from Beijing. While this is not entirely bad, as the pollution was notorious, imagine if the city of Chicago decreed that two million of its residents were no longer allowed to have vehicles, effective almost immediately. Undoubtedly, some people would no longer have a way to get to work, or in the case of taxi drivers, no longer have a job.

However, it comes as no tremendous surprise. Even though China's attempt to

make face and smooth over domestic issues should be transparent, the Olympic Committee clearly bought it. Let us not forget that for two weeks in 1936, the same Committee deemed it appropriate that non-Aryan athletes should travel to Germany during the height of its Nazi regime.

The Chinese government is willing to use its people as pawns to put on a show to dazzle foreigners. While we "ooh" and "aah" at their high-tech stadium and elaborate fireworks, behind the red curtain people are now suffering as Michael Phelps takes his swimming medals. No nation's government is perfect, but everyone should express some concern at a government all too willing to sacrifice its own people for the interest of outsiders.

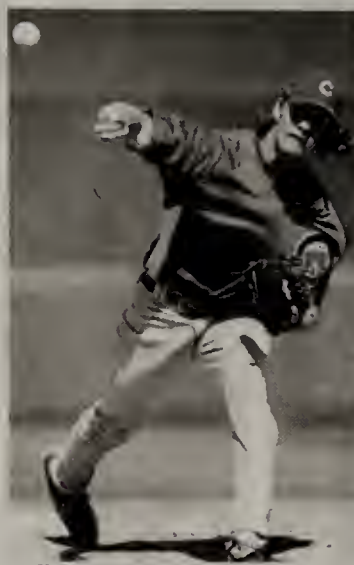
Some good has come of the Olympics, however. Mass protests have brought awareness to the underhanded dealings of China's attempted makeover. Steven Spielberg refused a contract as the artistic adviser because of China's support of the Sudanese government.

In the end, the thing to be kept in mind is that there is a line between ignoring politics for two weeks, and ignoring the suffering of an untold amount of people just to make that two weeks happen.

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Region native signed with Cubs Jeff Samardzija through eyes of family



By Kayla Mrozinske
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Jeff Samardzija debuted as a MLB pitcher on July 25, 2008. The Merrillville, IN native signed with the Chicago Cubs on January 19, 2007 with a \$10 million, five year contract. Yet, even with a high

profile, family is still key.

Debra Samardzija, owner of Luigi's Pizza in LaPorte, IN and more commonly known as the aunt of the new Cubbie, sat down with me for an exclusive interview.

When asked about the relief pitcher's favorite MLB team growing up, the answer was surprising. "The White Sox. Ultimately, he was just happy to be with a Chicago team (when drafted)."

Growing up, inspiration came along from coaches and idols, but most of all, the motivation sprouted from his parents. "His dad was a pro hockey player; his mom and dad influenced him." D.Samardzija also commented, "He was very focused on school."

The 23-year-old generously gives back to his community. "Under Armour sponsors Jeff, and he supplies such uniforms to the Valparaiso High School's football team," D.Samardzija revealed.

Looks as though the major leaguer has not forgotten his humble beginnings.

Samardzija went to Valparaiso High School. He accumulated awards for his performance including three All-State selections in football and was an All-State center-fielder in baseball. Scouts quickly took notice to his high school career, and he shined in both baseball and football at the University of Notre Dame. Baseball America voted Samardzija as the "2nd best athlete among college prospects for the 2006 MLB draft." His Notre Dame college baseball career totaled 21 wins, 6 losses with an average 3.82 ERA.

As for his future post MLB, D.Samardzija predicts a career for her nephew in sports casting.

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Four Panthers receive baseball honors

Recognition boosts prospects for potential future athletes

By Tom Albano
and John Weber

The Purdue North Central baseball team had four members receive honors released by the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference this spring.

Junior Chris Schultz (Elgin, IL /Elgin CC) received First Team All-Conference status as a first baseman and was also named to the NAIA All-Region team for Region VII. Senior Brian Phillips (Elkhart, IN /Elkhart Memorial HS) was named Honorable Mention All-Conference as a pitcher. Junior shortstop John Selman (Kouts, IN /Kouts HS) and senior centerfielder Jake Pierce (Crown Point, IN /Crown Point HS) were named to the CCAC Rawlings Gold Glove Team for outstanding defensive play.

Schultz batted .445 (61 for 137) with eight homers, 48 RBI, 10 doubles, five triples, 15 walks, nine stolen bases and 41 runs while slugging .766. The batting average, homeruns, RBI's, triples and slugging percentage were all school records.

Phillips finished 6-4 with a 4.15 ERA in 69.1 innings of work. He appeared in 13 games overall and started 11 while completing five. The right-hander struck out 28 batters while

walking just six. Phillips' six wins tied the mark for most wins in a season while his 11 starts were the second most in Panther history (he tied his total from last season). The five complete games tied Phillips' own school record, also from last season. Phillips also threw the first no-hitter in program history when he defeated Calumet College of St. Joseph 1-0 on March 29th. In that game he faced the minimum number of batters while striking out three. Phillips walked one in the game but the runner was promptly erased on a pick off at first base.

Gold Glove winner Pierce, won the award for the second straight year and fielded .992 overall. The fast outfielder had 115 putouts, two assists and committed just one error. He was known for making difficult plays look routine and for his improbable catches. "He was fun to watch out there," said head coach John Weber. "He had tremendous jumps, took great angles and did everything so effortlessly. He was clearly in an elite class defensively."

Gold Glove shortstop, Selman (Kouts, IN /Kouts HS) made the transition to the position just this past year after playing up to six different positions the past two years for the

Panthers, including all three outfield positions, second base, third base and first base.

"We knew John would do a great job as he is a very steady defensive player," said Weber. "His first two years we had a solid shortstop so John's versatility was extremely valuable to our program."

The current Panthers start practice on Sept. 2nd and have a total of 35 overall local players participating this fall. This is the largest total of local area players PNC has attracted in any years past.

The school's reputation continues to prosper and grow as it becomes a more popular choice amongst new and prospective students and athletes from the local area high schools. The Panthers finished the 2008 season with a record of 28-21 while being ranked as high as third in the region.

The Panthers have now finished 28-21, 28-22 and 32-20 over the past three years. The victory total is the most ever over a three year span for the Panther baseball program.

The Purdue North Central baseball team will host their fourth annual Alumni Baseball Game at Hicks Field on the south side of campus on Saturday, September 13th at 11 a.m.

Annual PNC golf outing supports student athletes Sponsors welcome to participate

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, Purdue University North Central is having its annual golf outing to support campus athletics. The outing will take place at the Valparaiso Country Club, located at 2501 Country Club Road.

All the proceeds from this event will benefit student-athletes through use of scholarships, team equipment and travel expenses within the athletic department. Registration will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. for participants, who are welcome to use the driving range up until the Shotgun Start at 11:30 a.m.

The outing should last until around 4 p.m. Following the round of golf, sponsors and guests are treated to dinner, awards and auctions.

Sponsors are still needed for this event and registration is open until Friday, August 22. Interested?

There are various ways in which sponsors can participate in the 2008 Panther Golf Outing.

A Platinum Sponsorship includes golf for 12 people, a sign, and recognition during the golf outing for contributors of \$10,000 and above. Black and Gold sponsors receive golf for eight, a sign, and recognition with a sponsorship of \$5,000. Panther sponsors get golf for four, a sign, and recognition with a \$2,500 contribution. Lunch & Snack sponsors receive golf for two players, and recognition with support of \$1,000.

Sponsors of \$300 will be recognized during the Putting Contest and \$200 contributors will be recognized as individual Hole Sponsors throughout the course itself.

For those that just want to play and still give back, a four player outing is \$650, single players' \$175. Dinner only passes are also available at \$50, per guest. Non-participants are also welcome to donate and support PNC athletics.

For more information or to be a sponsor, please contact John Weber at (219) 785-5273 or jweber@pnc.edu.

Panther volleyball ready for conference competition

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

This fall, the Panther volleyball team will enter the season as the newest members' of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Last year's 2007-2008 Panther team independently competed in their first ever season of intercollegiate competition, making the jump from a 17 to 29 game schedule last fall. This year, the Panther volleyball squad looks to play an even longer more competitive schedule now that they are a part of the CCAC.

John Higgins with his expertise of experience as a coach and as a former standout player returns to the helm as the Panther's Head Coach. The 2008-2009 Roster currently contains 11 women.

Amongst these are senior returnees Lindsay Anderson (Springfield, IL/Lincoln Land CC), Alissa Whitaker (Chalmers, IN/Frontier HS), and Daisy Lee (Grayslake, IL/College of Lake County),

coupled with juniors' and sophomore Sarah Ward (Bangor, MI/Bangor/Lake Michigan College), Angela Edwards (Kouts, IN/Kouts), Alyssa Davis (North Liberty, IN/John Glenn HS) and Sabrina Priajad (Valparaiso, IN/Chesterton HS). These seven veterans sparked by four newly recruited freshmen, Ashley Gallant (Michigan City, IN/Michigan City), Katelyn Kelly (Long Beach, IN/New Buffalo), Brooke Lantis (Three Oaks, MI/River Valley HS), and Megan Staroscak (Highland, IN/Highland), look to launch school records and make PNC history as they set to compete in the team's very first year of competition in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The Panther volleyball team takes the court at home for their first game of the year at 7 p.m. Aug. 15, against Huntington College. All home games are played at Marquette High School in the Scholl Center in Michigan City, IN.

2008 Beijing Olympics wrap-up

By Kayla Mrozinske

From ping-pong to gymnastics, the 2008 Olympics had quite a ride.

Team USA had 889 hopefuls in Beijing who all had competed to bring home the gold, and many of those athletes stood out among the rest. Shawn Johnson, a 16-year-old gymnast from Des Moines, Iowa, has been in training her entire life. This was her first year competing as an Olympic athlete, and she took home silver while China claimed gold in both women's and men's. She trained roughly 28 hours per week compared to the average 40 hours per week which

left her ample time to have a normal teenage life.

With all the shining athletes, however, Michael Phelps was the star of the show. The 23-year-old American swimmer was not a rookie to the Olympic lifestyle for he had already competed in both the 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

Training consisted of swimming five hours per day along with the consumption of around 8,000-12,000 calories per day. At this point in time, Phelps is 8' 8", all of which he set new world records and beat Mark Spitz in most earned gold medals in Olympic history. Phelps has generated attention nationwide.

The most phenomenal race held in men's swimming was the 4x100m freestyle relay which consisted of (in sequence): butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. With much tension put on by the French, the competition was fierce. Jason Lezak pulled through in the end for USA against Frenchman Alain Bernard by just .08 of a second. USA took home the gold proving their strengths and ability.

In other events, cycling and shooting both earned gold and bronze while fencing swept the charts earning gold, silver, and bronze.

The 2008 Olympics was quite a show. Who knows what 2012 will bring?

Softball honors for Panthers

By Tom Albano

Purdue North Central softball players Val Minyard and Erin Foust were named to various All-Conference teams for the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference this past spring. Minyard was named to the First Team while Foust earned Honorable Mention honors.

Minyard, a senior catcher from Crown Point, IN led the team in average, (.401), RBI's (36), hits (59 for 147), doubles, (11), homeruns (2), total bases (76), slugging percentage (.617) and on-base-percentage (.416). She started all 44 games and fielded an

impressive .995 with just one error in 217 chances.

Foust, a sophomore second baseman from South Bend, IN, and First Team All-Conference as a freshman outfielder last year, was second on the team in hitting at .356. She was also second in doubles (8), hits (52 for 146), total bases (64), slugging percentage (.438), on-base-percentage (.394) and runs scored (24). Foust also was spectacular in the field, committing just four errors in 166 chances (.975).

The Panthers set the school wins record in 2008 for the second straight season at 25-19 after a 21-17 record in 2007.

Three weeks in South Korea: An in-depth report

By Jessica Ring
Design Editor

For nearly two years, I pestered my mom about visiting South Korea. My mother is a Korean immigrant, and we had not been to visit her family since I was six years old. The only memories I had were little more than hazy images of faceless people. She finally agreed to take us in June, after having been harassed via telephone and passive-aggressive guilt for nearly a year, and of course being assured that I would pay for half of the trip. Tourist laws have also been reduced dramatically since the early 90s. South Korea no longer requires a visa to enter the country, nor do they sequester you in a small room with a customs agent who examines you down to the very depths of your soul.

It took thirteen hours in an airplane and five hours on a bus to reach the city of Taegu. We arrived at my grandmother's house around midnight. Exhausted, and with faces the shade of concrete, we had to remain conscious for another three hours as we were the guests in a tremendous feast of honor. However, the exhaustion disappeared once we finally met the other half of our family. I felt like a grey area in my life was being filled with the enthusiastic, vibrant faces of the people I had waited sixteen years to see again.

Scenery

South Korea (and probably the North) is beautiful. The peninsula is comprised of forested mountains, and civilization resides in the valleys. As we were in a major city, the juxtaposition of high-rise apartments and colorful neon banners in the fore-

ground of the mountains was unlike anything I have ever seen. At night, the city is filled with flashing signs and even blood-red neon crosses jut up high in the sky. However, in just the right spot, the blackness of the distant mountains reflects as loudly as any karaoke bar advertisement. As Korea has only recently blossomed into a major player in the economic world, most of the buildings are ultramodern and the cities are incredibly clean.

Family

Koreans, like most Asian countries, are family-oriented and, as social scientists may refer to it, collectivist. In Korea, you are never alone. Family and friends are around constantly. The closeness of the extended family is also something worth noting. Older cousins are not referred to by name, but addressed as "older brother" and "older sister" and they act as such. Even if they live an hour away, they still visit on weekends. Affection is also constant. It is not uncommon for schoolmates,



close friends, or cousins to hold hands in public (yes, even dudes). At home, someone always has his/her arm around you. Being alone is synonymous with loneliness.

There was no awkward dis-

tance or a handsake "hello." When we arrived, we were family. In a week, I felt closer to my cousins that I had just met than my American cousins, whom I've known my entire life and see once every few years.

Food

Some days, we ate so much that I wondered where my body was keeping it all. Food is one of the most important aspects to Korean culture. It connects family and provides the foundation for being together. Pre-war and during the recovery period, only the very rich could afford to eat

meat or poultry everyday. My mother's cousin, who grew up in the seventies alongside my mother, told me that they were so impoverished that even something like a bowl of white rice was too much of a luxury to afford. The rice was diluted with barley and other cheap grains. Today, Korea boasts a tremendous amount of economic success. However, the success is so recent that though everyone possesses a cell phone that would make the most arrogant technophile weep with envy, few take a platter of beef for granted.

A point that emphasizes the importance of food in Korean culture is that the only words I learned during my stay there are "sit" and "eat."

Food is also a means of showing affection. If someone feeds you well, it means that they truly care about you.

One day, we went to three different restaurants in eight

hours. Between the restaurant visits, we snacked on fruit and ice cream. When I later curled up into the fetal position on the floor and begged my stomach not to explode, someone quietly placed a steaming bowl of noodles near my face and tiptoed away. At



least I know that we were loved.

Work

There is a reason countries like Japan and South Korea have recovered so quickly from the effects of mid-century war. Though I am no political scientist, and this article is comprised of conjecture based on my observations, I can safely say that I feel that Korea has become a booming success in part through the uncomplaining labor of its people. My cousins attend high school from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days a week. They receive one month off for vacation. My uncle's wife gets one day off per month. Also, I did not meet a single person who slept for more than six hours, even on days off.

Fun

Despite working ungodly hours, Koreans still manage to have enough energy to go out and

party at the end of the night. The upbeat, chipper disposition of the people is infectious. The most popular form of entertainment we experienced was through attending karaoke bars. For large groups, one can rent a private room and have the alcohol deliv-

ered directly to a room rigged with strobe lights and other fancy decorations. Soju, a rice whiskey, is the most vile/wonderful liquor on earth. It tastes like rubbing alcohol, but after three shots, even the most reserved American (yours truly) is screaming pop-

punk songs into the microphone. The wonderful part about Korea is that there is little to no violent crime. So after a night of partying, stumbling drunkenly through the streets of a major city is not a pressing concern.

Overall, it was a wonderful and life-changing trip. I intend on learning Korean for my return trip, whenever that may be. Though I, perhaps stupidly, wanted to visit the DMZ line before our departure, my family was shocked and reviled at the very idea. For all their partying and prosperity, a very real threat of war by an insane dictator still looms in the distance. Though there is no active fighting, the Koreans are technically still at war.

In the end, I gained a newfound respect for my mother's country, and I know that I am always welcome to return.

Photos by Jessica Ring

Gatlinburg offers entertainment for Midwesterners

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

Gatlinburg is one of the great tourist attractions of Tennessee. Located in the Great Smoky Mountains, one will find that the big rock candy mountain is alive and thriving with tourism. Ironically, Gatlinburg is not actually a city.

Rather, it is just a long street that is nothing but shops and places to get interesting items.

From music shops that have

the most obscure records from bands that never played more than three shows in their parents basement to a store that sells artifacts from a real life Indiana Jones archeologist, pretty much anything is available for purchase in Gatlinburg.

Well, what about looking for a place to pet horseshoe crabs? Gatlinburg has it.

The Ripley's Believe It or Not aquarium is full of sea creatures and interesting facts about them.

From leafy sea dragons in little tanks to a glass tunnel where you can stand under sharks and stingrays the aquarium has just about any creature from the sea you can think of. In the guided part of the tour you can watch a scuba diver feed fish with what looks like a caulking gun filled with meat.

Then if you're looking for a place to eat, they have a nice seafood restaurant down the street. Not to mention lots of treats for those with the sweet

tooth. In the candy shop windows you can watch people make taffy and candy canes.

Another southern tradition is fudge, and there is a lot of fudge in Gatlinburg. Freshly made and filling the air with a scent of chocolate and butter, if the smell doesn't catch your attention, most of the shops also have a crier that lets you know that the best fudge in Tennessee is just a few feet away from you in his shop. And the nightlife is reminiscent of Chicago's as cars and people fill

the streets and the sounds of street performers fills the night air with the gentle twang of bluegrass.

Gatlinburg is a nice place to relax and let the trouble of the world roll off your shoulders, and even to see a shark swim about five inches from your face.

It is a decent destination for budget travelers in the Midwest. With rising costs of fuel, a local place like Gatlinburg allows travelers to see interesting sites without breaking the bank.

Getting to know Washington D.C

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

Over the course of the summer I was fortunate enough to spend a month interning in Washington DC. While in the office I worked on a wide variety of tasks including, but not limited to, preparing and analyzing budgetary documents, reporting on House and Senate hearings, and analyzing the new housing tax credit. I could use this article to describe the numerous tasks but I would rather describe my sight-seeing activities.

Spending a month in the nation's capital afforded me the opportunity to see not only the standard tourist destinations like the Washington Monument and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, but also the sites rarely visited. One of these sites is the Japanese-American World War II Memorial. This seldom-visited memorial sits only about two blocks from the Senate side of the

Capitol. As a result of its proximity to both the Capitol

Building and my office, I would often enjoy stopping by there to take a break from the sweltering heat. The memorial commemorates those American citizens of Japanese descent who were forced into internment camps following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941.

These Japanese-Americans were deprived of their homes and property during the war, and were unable to regain their property following the Japanese surrender in 1945, despite the fact many fought for the US in the Pacific theatre. There is no more poignant reminder of what abuses of

Constitutional rights can occur when the government becomes caught up on war hysteria than this often overlooked memorial.

Another highlight of my sightseeing adventures came when I visited the Theodore Roosevelt memorial, located on Theodore Roosevelt Island in the

Potomac River. The heavily wooded island, which is accessible only by a footbridge, offers numerous nature trails and allows visitors a respite from the congestion of the District. At the heart of the island stands a 15 foot statue of TR in mid-speech. Flanking the statue on either side are several granite tablets listing Roosevelt's views on several issues. Of all the presidential monuments and memorials in Washington, this one is perhaps the most fitting. The memorial to the president who first made conservation a priority is situated in an oasis of nature in the nation's capital. In addition, TR believed that all people should live a strenuous life, and that view is exhibited in the long walk one must take to get from the nearest train station to the island.

Washington DC is one of the most beautiful cities in the nation. Everyone knows of the main tourist destinations, but with a little extra effort and research, one can discover other parts of the city. The District offers plenty of hidden treasures around each corner for the enterprising visitor. Next time you find yourself in the capital, take the time to explore these sites.

Visit to Georgia not without history lesson

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

For one week this summer I traveled to visit my grandparents who live in Georgia. I have to say that the trip was mostly one of

catching up with family and lounging around my grandparent's pool. We did, however, have one interesting and educational adventure when we traveled to the Chickamauga battlefield.

In 1863 in the campaign for Chattanooga began. The Union wanted to take control of Chattanooga because it was seen as the gateway to the deep south because of its railways and industry. They felt that they would be able to squeeze and eventually defeat the Confederate Army if they were able to take Chattanooga.

The Union and Confederate forces met in September in the Battle of Chickamauga. The battle at Chickamauga was the last

major battle won by the Confederate Army in the Civil War.

The battle was waged on 5200 acres which is now covered with markers that designate all of the different states that were

involved in the battle. We saw several Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio markers.

There was one monument that

was dedicated to a brigade from Michigan was a tower began with several flights spiraling stairs and ended in the most beautiful view of trees and the surrounding area.

We ended our educational day at the museum where there were demonstrations of how difficult it was to load the rifles that were used by the Confederate soldiers during the battle. We were also able to see numerous different rifles and we learned about different cannons and their firing capacities.





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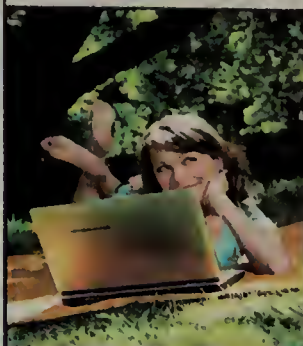
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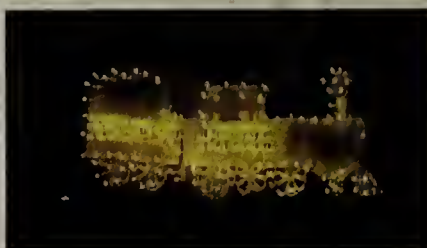
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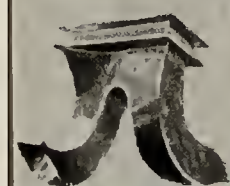
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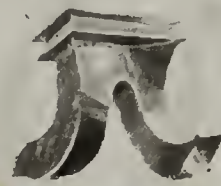
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PNC celebrates 40th anniversary with a bang First fireworks show draws students, community



The fireworks show itself was beyond beautiful. The presentation included a vast variety of explosions, and many gasps of excitement floated throughout the crowd. PNC's first annual firework show was a night filled with family fun and thrills. For those who were not able to attend the event, a picture slideshow is available on our website: www.thepncvoice.com.

Special thanks to the Michigan City Fire Department and EMS for their presence.

Photos by Jon Sichtermann



By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

The start of the 2008-2009 school year was launched with a big bang: far-fetched fireworks brought to PNC by Bada Boom Pyrotechnics. The event was sponsored by the following companies: Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana, Inc.; Design Organization, Inc.; St. Mary Medical Center; Lakeshore Surgicare LLC; Anton A. & Joy A. Thompkins; Hoosier Healthcare Northwest, LLC; Integrated Rehab Services, LLC; Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc.; St.

Anthony Memorial; and Porter.

Numerous members of the PNC faculty and staff were the brains behind the operation. The F.A.C.E. Committee and Student Government also put many efforts into the event along with generous members of the PNC faculty.

The fireworks were not only open to students, but it also brought out many faces of the public in surrounding areas. The plaza was set up with tents serving popcorn (which quickly sold out), ice cream, and several beverages for guests to enjoy. Children had their share of fun with the

Slide by Moonwalk towering in the center of the plaza as well as nine holes of miniature golf. However, many guests spent a majority of their time on the 'dance floor' due to the D.J.'s popular music selection. Dance fanatic Sean Keller of LaPorte lead a group of followers to the music. Keller commented, "The people seemed eager to dance. They would start dancing at the slightest provocation."

Tucker Carlson visits Sinai Forum Political analyst discusses what he knows best

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

On September 16, the Sinai Forum kicked off its 55th season by inviting political analyst Tucker Carlson to speak about the upcoming election. Before he spoke however, a brief memorial was given in honor of Sylvia Bankoff, one of the founders of the Forum. Mrs. Bankoff passed away earlier this year at the age of 90.

When Carlson took the stage, he opened his remarks by commenting on the choice of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as John McCain's running mate. He told the audience that his immediate reaction was

"Are you kidding? This is the end of an honorable political career." He then went on to say that his initial analysis was "laughably wrong." Carlson said that the prospects of the McCain campaign winning in November were still "extremely unlikely," and then quoted his friend and former television co-host James Carville as saying "if we [the Democrats] blow this, we should give up and sell insurance."

On that note, Carlson turned to the Democrats and analyzed the ways in which

the Obama campaign could still lose. In his words, "I sincerely believe the Democrats chose the wrong nominee." He reached that conclusion by comparing the voting groups that Senator Obama and

Obama succeeds he will win the Presidency; if he fails McCain will win.

Carlson acknowledged that McCain has a better chance of beating Obama than any other Republican, but also



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Senator Clinton attracted in the primaries. While Obama attracted "hard-core partisan" Democratic voters, Clinton "won everyone else—the fabled swing voters, and won them almost unanimously."

Turning to the McCain campaign, he said that McCain does not fit into this election. In his mind, this is an election about Barack Obama: if

pointed out that McCain was nominated purely by accident.

In his words, McCain winning the GOP nomination was "like waking up with a hangover and realizing you just got married in Reno last night."

It was that type of wit and humor that Carlson successfully

mixed in with reasoned analysis throughout the evening. He was able to keep the audience thoroughly engaged throughout his hour and a half long speech, and in the end he was rewarded with a rare curtain call from the crowd. The Sinai Forum will resume October 5 when Dr. Michael Chorost visits to discuss bionics.

PNC welcomes new Vice Chancellor Karen Schmid

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

The 2008-2009 PNC school year has not only brought new students to campus but also new faculty. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Karen L. Schmid comes to us from Indiana State University, where she was Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Schmid was born in Kokomo, IN. Most of her life was spent in Minnesota where she earned her Doctorate in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota. This is her first experience in the position of Vice Chancellor. She has been Associate Vice President, Dean and Assistant Dean in the past.

Dr. Schmid was at ISU for eight years, where she was an administrator and taught Human Development and Family Studies. Dr. Schmid has done research on adoption and on court cases on assisted reproduction. In addition, she and the Vice Chancellor for Information Technology at the University of California Santa Cruz recently gave a presentation on program priorities and

academic programs to the Society for College and University Planning in Montreal.

Along with Dr. Schmid's many accomplishments, she has the honor of serving as one of the twenty-two faculty and staff on the National Advisory Board for the Disney College Program. She has done so for three years. The Disney College Program provides internships around Walt Disney World and Disneyland, and on-the-job training and college courses are available for students in a time period of five to seven months.

As for PNC, however, Dr. Schmid has many ideas to bring to the campus. She plans to support new degrees and academic programs, and within the next five years, she plans to have an estimated twenty-five programs at PNC versus the seventeen at present.

She encourages students to take advantage of service learning programs, internships, and working for organizations that pertain to their selected field of study. Other goals include motivating students with the highly inspiring statement to 'graduate in four years.'

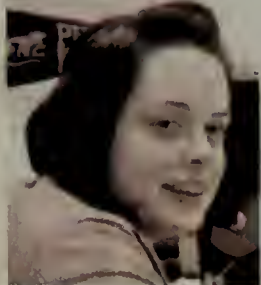
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Commentary

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Students speak out, finally heard: Survey feedback published



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

At a recent Student Government meeting we had a special guest with some rather interesting information. During the spring semester, Dr. Linda Duttlinger, Director of Accreditation and Assessment, conducted a survey. The three part survey was full of some very interesting facts. Probably the most interesting part of the survey was

the open-ended section which allowed students to freely voice their opinions on a variety of issues. The following are some suggestions that students made that I agreed with.

"I was very involved in music and art during my high school career. It would be great to have more music and art classes here at PNC. Also, it would be nice to have more foreign languages."

I would have to agree with this comment. One of PNC's main values centers around being a diverse and providing a well-rounded education for all of its students.

"This school needs an athletic facility. It is an embarrassment that athletes have a high school gym for their practices and games. We are a college, not a high school. Half the students do not even know

that there is a baseball field on campus. An athletic facility will bring a sense of campus life, a place where we as students can come together as Panthers and grow as a school. Not to mention we can have a graduation ceremony on our campus rather than another campus and not be embarrassed that we don't have a common place to be together as a school."

This was one of the strongest points raised throughout the results of the survey. I agree with this anonymous person who was surveyed. By having an athletics facility we can become more of a "real" campus. I think that this would have a positive impact on the education of PNC students.

"...more reasonable prices on books. This is a commuter

campus for the most part and gas is getting ridiculous no matter what you drive. Personally, I like nothing about the bookstore. It only seems to care about getting more money from us."

This too is something that I would have to agree with. Many of my friends that go to other schools are appalled when I tell them the prices my books each semester. The high cost of books at the bookstore has forced some students to search and buy books online and at times that ends in disaster because sometimes books do not arrive on time, and sometimes they do not arrive at all.

I guess that I could see past the prices at the bookstore if all the books that were needed were actually in stock. In two of my classes this semester

people have been without books for weeks. In one class a few students did not receive their books until two days before our first exam. That does not seem like the best way to start a semester.

Some of the complaints that the surveys uncovered I can really do anything about, however there was one aspect that I feel that we at the newspaper can do something about.

"I would like to see a better availability of information about campus events and activities. I know that there are a lot of resources here, but I'm not even aware of all the services provided to students. For example, I did not know that we had an office for career development on campus. This seems like an important resource that I would like to know more about."

Overworked and underpaid: Running newspaper no walk in park



Jessica Ring
Layout Editor

I'm not complaining or being histrionic when I tell you, my dear readers, that I am suffering from commitment-overload this year. Five classes, a part-time job, designing the campus newspaper, presiding over the newly-formed German club and handling a myriad of interpersonal relationships is no simple feat. My co-editors, as well as our dedicated new staff writers, probably share the same feelings.

The stipend we receive for working on the student newspaper is paltry, not to mention downright laughable. I make

roughly four times as much working at Coffee Central. According to information we received this year, the administration believes we pay only two editors, and that all of the writers should be on a volunteer basis. For the record, we divided up the "editor's salary" to ensure that everyone would receive at least a small amount of money.

To say we are overworked and underpaid is an understatement. Not having a journalism department on campus increases the difficulty of unifying writing styles.

I recognize that most people have no idea what goes into putting out even an eight-page newspaper once a month. Turnover rates for our writers are ridiculously high, because they quickly realize what does go into the newspaper.

At this current moment, I am the only person who can actively use our newspaper layout program.

I'm not trying to paint our staff as a group of social pariahs who would be worshipped for our selflessness, mind you.

However, what I'm trying to say is that mistakes will happen. Typos, formatting errors, and even a mistakenly credited photo here and there will happen. It is difficult to round-up a staff of busy workers, spell check, fact check, and properly credit dozens of stories in a matter of days.

The Exponent, this ain't. Mistakes happen.

We are a student newspaper. I realize that by nature people are more likely to complain than to compliment, but we do try our best. While we appreciate constructive criticism, histrionic banter over office politics is something I simply do not have time for.

Thanks in advance,
Your occasionally frazzled and malevolent layout editor

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Ad Manager
Avid Campus Sleeper

I lost a friend. She was in the basement of LSF in the TV Lounge. Pleasantly soft, yet firm and shapely, she cradled me between her dreamy arms. Always waiting and ready, even though she slept around.

She had a few good friends down there, and they all slept around. There used to be a nice array of seating that allowed for sleeping, gaming, watching movies and just socializing. It's all gone.

On a campus that has limited amounts of social areas; I'm not sure why we changed the configuration of one of the more frequented lounges. I'm not sure what the motivations were for switching the room around, but I know that any student I encounter and enquire about the missing furnishings ends with a story

lamenting its demise. No student seems to know where all the comfortable social furniture has gone, which leads me to wonder who was consulted when it all went away.

I miss the couch that used to offer me and others a nice place to take a nap. I wish someone would have put a survey on the wall of the lounge or something to get some input about whether it should change. Or I wish I knew why it changed.

I hear all the couches that people used to frequent are on their way to the campus garage sale next month.

I and others would really like the couches, ottomans, and comfortable furniture that made the lounge in LSF a wonderfully social place back. Any way we can do that?

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Natural disaster a non-partisan issue Flooding reminder of humanity, helping others



By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

A couple of weeks ago I drove home in the rain on a Friday night. I did not leave home again until Monday afternoon thanks to the torrential rains that bit our area.

My house sits on a hill, so I was fortunate enough not to have to endure any flooding in my house. However, when I would look out my window I could see a river running past my house and down the street. When the flood waters finally receded, and the dove had been sent forth to find dry land, I ventured out to find two feet of mud on my street.

When looking at the area damage on TV I realized my

family was truly fortunate. There was over \$9 billion in flood damage across the region. Numerous schools and even some hospitals were forced to close as a result of the floods. Munster High School was turned into a temporary shelter for flood victims.

Anyone who has opened a paper, turned on the local news, or even bothered to look out his or her window knows this, so why am I recounting it? Believe it or not there is a point to all of this.

In my time on the newspaper, I have been known to occasionally write an article favoring one political philosophy over others. From time to time I have been known to take a strong stand on issues in this election both in articles and in conversations with friends.

I am not alone in doing this. The country is deeply divided politically, but events like the recent floods show that there is a limit to our divisions.

In the flood's aftermath, there were countless stories of men and women helping each other clean up and get out of flooded houses.

That fact may seem like small potatoes to some, but to those who could not get out of their homes without the use of their neighbor's boat, that cooperation was vital. Compared to other countries where the population does not cooperate in the face of crisis, that assistance was utterly remarkable.

This is not something common to our area alone. In recent months, the Gulf Coast has been ravaged by hurricanes and the Mississippi River has flooded, causing unimaginable devastation to millions of Americans.

Wherever Americans are faced with adversity they meet it head on regardless of political or other differences. That is truly refreshing to see, especially in times like these. It's also refreshing to see the rain has stopped for now.

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ISTEP Forward educates students Portage High School students attend two-day program

By Jessica Ring
Layout Editor

For two days, PNC was host to the ISTEP Forward program. According to Senior Admissions Counselor Mike Ramian, approximately 175 students from Portage High School attended the program, which was composed of brief seminars on a variety of college-oriented topics. The students, juniors and seniors who have already successfully passed the ISTEP test, were first greeted by Chancellor Dworkin.

The event itself consisted of two "breakout sessions," each lasting forty-five minutes. Students chose two out of five potential topics, presented by faculty members.

The subjects of the seminars were widely varied to maximize interest in high school students. The topics included nursing, ghost tracking, financial aid, college planning, and a cooking course.

After listening to the seminars of their choosing, students were treated to a complimentary lunch from Jimmy John's. Some students took away more infor-



PHS students line up for lunch. Photo by C. Kelly-Johnson

mation than others.

"I learned how to set goals," said David Charnetzky, a Portage High School senior. He also expressed interest in pursuing college in the field of Criminal Justice.

Robert Thorn, also a PHS senior, was less enthusiastic about the presentation. "I'm not going to college yet," said Thorn. "I'm enlisting in the Marines and they'll pay for my school." He

did, however, feel gratitude for the free lunch.

Overall, the ISTEP Forward program was largely successful in introducing high school students to the realm of college. Regardless of whether or not the students choose to attend PNC or even an in-state college, early introduction and financial aid talks are important topics for soon-to-be graduates.

Constitution Day Events feature Senator Jim Arnold



By J. Athena Evan
Contributor

Purdue North Central's celebration of Constitution day started off with breakfast and a speech by State Senator Jim Arnold of Senate District 8 of LaPorte. Senator Arnold was first elected to fulfill the unexpired position in March 2007, and he is up for reelection this fall.

He is a longtime public servant in law enforcement, and has served on numerous statewide and national leadership positions. Arnold currently serves as the Ranking Minority Member of the Pensions and Labor committee, and he also serves in the Judiciary, the Ethics, and the Education and Career Development standing committees, as well as the Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters committee, and the Courts and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee. Previously, he served as the LaPorte county sheriff and as Chief Investigator for the LaPorte county Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

After a brief introduction by Dr. Jonathan Swarts, a political science professor at PNC, Arnold went on to discuss the importance

of the Constitution and how he used it in his previous job as LaPorte County Sheriff. He explained that the Indiana Constitution has remained relatively unchanged in 150 years. He stressed the importance of learning about the political candidates, and not voting for a candidate purely based on party affiliation; he encouraged students and faculty to stand behind a campaign and to actively show support for their candidate. After his speech, Arnold answered questions from the participants.

The Constitution Day events continued with the "Test your knowledge of the Constitution" game which was hosted by Athena Evan and Jamie Gutowski. Students were given the chance to answer questions about the Constitution, and could ask the audience or phone a friend for help. The two students with the highest score received an iPod as a prize.

In the afternoon, the Constitution Day committee hosted a showing of the John Adams HBO film series, part three, "Don't tread on me," with popcorn and refreshments, and that marked the conclusion of the Constitution Day events.

Studying abroad in Japan

Michigan City native to attend college at Waseda University

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

Going to college is an adventure in itself, especially if a student does it in another country. Study abroad programs allow students to see the world and experience alternative cultures while obtaining their education.

Michigan City's Robert Forney is set to begin his first semester at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. The twenty-year-old undergraduate has recently finished his sophomore year at Georgetown University as well as a summer internship with NikkoCiti Cordial Securities in Tokyo. He plans to major in Japanese and minor in Linguistics. Forney learned a great deal about the country and was willing to share information on many of its attributes.

The culture is a broad spectrum that presented many different qualities than that of the United States. In particular, the food was emphasized. The restaurants about Tokyo mainly specialized in one dish. For example, a sample menu at a specific restaurant could consist of tofu variations with thin or thick noodles.

Many locals consume sashimi, a raw fish similar to sushi but without the rice, because sushi is more of a treat similar to a rich cut of steak in the U.S. Alcoholic beverages such as Kirin Ichiban, Sapporo, and Sake are among the favorites. In addition, even though the drinking age is twenty years old, the law is not heavily enforced. Religion was another feature that Forney explored. The Japanese practice both Buddhism and Shinto which is the idea that the Gods are in nature.

An interesting fact that was presented by Forney was the native's beliefs on marriage. Divorce is very rare in the country, and the value of marriage is taken very seriously. Relationships are not as sexual as they are in the U.S., but merely more of an intimate bond. Communication is highly abundant within marriages which models after the

Tale of Genji, a medieval Japanese prince who intellectually recited poetry to arouse his companion. However, if a relationship seeks fulfillment in other avenues such as in an affair, it is acceptable in society to act upon

the temptation, but it is indeed rare to do so.

The business attributes of Japan are surprisingly different from the operations in the U.S. The idea of merging is common in the States; however, financial purchases of capital in such terms amongst Japanese businesses are unlikely due to the dedication to the companies.

The relationship can best be described as 'a family in which it is difficult to give up the company to a new venture.' The loyalty is very sacred, and business deals operate much slower because of the devotion.

In other facts, Japan is operated by a Parliament Government under a Prime Minister and Emperor. They are Liberal-Democratic which accepts abortion and birth control methods. Taxes are very high and abundant which causes a high cost of living; the average apartment is more expensive than one in New York City, NY.

As for Forney, he plans to enrich his education in both English and Japanese studies and become further in touch with his creative writing.

PNC hosts September blood drive

By Amanda Christensen
Staff Writer

PNC hosted a Red Cross blood drive again on September 4th. The goal for the day was to get 134 donations. The goal was to get 62 regular donations and 72 double red donations. The goal was not met for the day but the donations were still impressive. Out of the 72 people who came to the drive; 61 gave regular donations, 8 gave double red donations and only 4 were deferred.

A person must be at least 17 years of age and must weigh 110lbs to donate blood and you must be in good health. Some people get deferred even if they met the requirements because of their red cell count; especially young women. The process to donate is easy and only takes about an hour.

Although it has been said many times; regular blood donation is very important. One donation can benefit up to three people. Blood can be broken down into three parts; red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. Red blood cells can be used by accident victims and sickle cell anemia

patients; platelets can be used by cancer patients and those undergoing chemotherapy; and plasma is used to treat burn victims.

According to Cyndi Back, a phlebotomist at the blood drive, one person can use up to 100 units of blood, or in other words one person could possibly use up all of one day's collection plus more.

Donated blood only lasts 42 days so new blood must be taken in to replenish the blood that is either used or is no longer able to be used. Although there are many advances in medical science there is still no such thing as synthetic blood. All blood types are needed.

The blood types are: A, B, AB, and O and either positive or negative. The approximate percentage of the population that have each type are as follows: 38 percent have type O+, 7 percent have type O-, 34 percent have type A+, 6 percent have A-, 9 percent have type B+, 2 percent have type B-, 3 percent have type AB+, and 1 percent have AB- type blood.

Even if a person is in a blood type that has a higher percentage

in the population they should still donate because certain blood types can give blood to many other blood types while other blood types can only have their own blood type. The two special blood types are also known as the universal donor and the universal receiver. The universal donors are those with O- blood. They can donate to every other blood type. The universal receivers are those who have AB+ blood. They can receive blood from anyone.

Every two seconds someone in the country needs blood. Think about how long it took you to read this article and then think about how many people that needed blood while you were reading this article. Just in one minute 7,200 people in the U.S. are in need of blood.

The next day that the Red Cross is going to back to PNC is Monday, November, 3. They will be here from 9 to 3 in the LSF building. Be a hero in your own way. You can save up to three people with just one donation. How else can you make such an impact with something so simple?

SGA monthly update

By Jon Siebertmann
Web Editor

The first month of school has been quite a busy one for the Student Government Association. In just a few short weeks, we have taken on several issues and have changed the way we connect with the campus.

In a move toward greater transparency, the Student Government voted unanimously in favor of publishing the official SGA minutes in the Voice's weekly online edition. This allows all members of the campus community to stay informed of the Student Government's actions.

On September 24, the Student Government will be holding a special election to fill a vacancy. Several candidates have already banded in petitions to run for the position. At the September 24 meeting candidates will be asked to tell the Student Government why they feel they are qualified to be a representative. The current members will then vote for one of the candidates. The results of this election will be published on the web and in the October issue of the Voice.

The Student Government's main initiative for the next month will be concerned with voter registration and turnout. The SGA is pleased to announce that PNC is participating in the iVote project, which strives to register new voters and inform college students of the importance of this election and the issues involved therein.

To accomplish these objectives, the Student Government, in conjunction with other student organizations will host five voter registrations between September 18 and October 1.

Following this, the Voice will publish one page devoted to each of the major candidates, and the Student Government will host several major events in late October and early November. Final details of the events will be covered in greater detail in next month's issue of The Voice.

If you have any questions concerning Student Government, please feel free to email sga@pnc.edu. Also, all students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend the weekly meetings Wednesday at 8AM.

CAMPUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 5
Sinai Forum Presents Michael Chorost
- October 7
Registration deadline for SOCAT
- October 29
Brownbag Diversity Series

Tropic Thunder makes noise

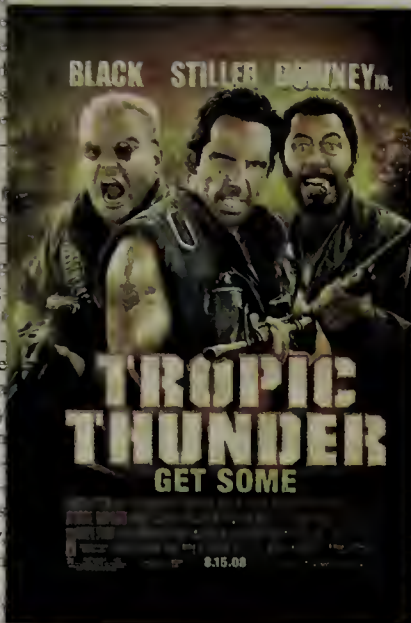
Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

When first confronted with the trailer for the film "Tropic Thunder," one is instantly reminded of the 1915 epic "Birth of a Nation." Sure, times have changed and blackface is something of the past, but something is amiss.

The credits of the film are shown and suddenly something is horribly wrong. A person might think to themselves as they see his name under a seemingly African American face. Then suddenly, the realization sets in, it's Robert Downey Jr. And he's in blackface.

The fact that in the movie he is actually an Australian method actor, who undergoes a skin treatment procedure that makes his skin darker, to play

the role of an African American, it is like a surrealist parody of Michael Jackson. Well, that's just a slight view of the insanity that is within this movie. The film itself is



actually a film within a film.

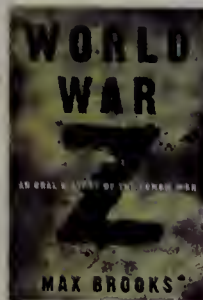
It is a sort of parody about three actors who take themselves a lot more seriously

than they should. It opens with three fake trailers: One for Tugg Speedman (Ben Stiller) who is a fading action star from the 80's, Jeff Portnoy (Jack Black) a druggie comedian who does a lot of fart jokes and "five-time Academy Award-winner" Kirk Lazarus (Robert Downey, Jr. who has not really won anything but a long arrest record to my knowledge), whose opening trailer is a wonderful mix of the DaVinci Code and Brokeback Mountain.

In this film, you could play a game where you identify all the different films that are being parodied, from Apocalypse Now to Platoon and 'slight suggestions of sling blade. This film is offensive, but in a good campy Hollywood way.

To many, Tom Cruise redeemed himself in his role as the over the top film producer and hip hop enthusiast Les Grossman. As much as this film pushes the line it is so ridiculous that the line sits safely at a distance and laughs. There is only one word to describe the new movie by Ben Stiller: Hilarious.

World War Z



By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

Zombies.

The word alone conjures up images of half decayed mobs slowly lurching in a chorus of moans. In World War Z the image conjured is more than just a standard group of bungry undead, but more of a visage of an apocalyptic world gone mad where millions of infected people begin to devour the world and chaos becomes the new order.

Written by Max Brooks, son of one of the Simpsons' executive producers, World War Z is a masterpiece in the genre of zombie fiction.

Written from the perspective of the survivors of the Zombie War, the book painstakingly details every moment from the initial outbreak in a remote

province of China to the world solution that was founded in South Africa.

Every chapter is full of gory detail that fills the pages with morbid presence that makes every successive chapter more disturbing than the last.

Accompanying this book is another Brooks masterpiece: The Zombie Survival Guide. If ever there was a need to prepare for a zombie apocalypse this book would be the most useful and comprehensive guide to survival.

The book gives useful tips from what gear to bring, to what kinds of defense works best against zombies, as well as a world history of several recorded zombie attacks.

Both books make zombies more than just creepy movie icons or the last names of film-making rock stars.

They make zombies into hideous machines of flesh, terrible monsters of walking death that wreak terror amongst the living in an all consuming pilgrimage of carnage and mayhem to satisfy their carnal lust for flesh. It's great bedtime reading for all.

Not all fantasy is foolproof

Lynn and Evans' *Time Scout* falls short of execution

Fantasy author Robert Lynn Asprin teams up with Linda Evans to turn out this futuristic trip. Based in the twenty-first century, the book follows Kenneth 'Kit' Carson; his granddaughter, Margo; and various other supporting characters on their journey through time, provided by "gates," accidental rifts in time and space.

The book goes through Margo's insistence that she be trained as the world's first female time scout, Kit's refusal, the subsequent training of Margo, as well as losing her to the twisting pathways of time.

The idea is good, but the execution of storytelling falls far short of expectations. The ideas of time gates and tours through time are good initial draws, letting the reader get

immersed in the culture of the futuristic society.

Unfortunately, by the eighth page, the excitement tapers off and all that is left is blatant sexism and disappointment. The main male characters immediately fall for the underage heroine, even though many of them are twice her age.

Margo seems to know this, as well, and wastes no time flaunting her stuff, bursting into tears every other page, and insisting that she's 'no kid,' despite the fact she is not even old enough to vote. And though the story is set in the twenty first century, the main argument behind not

training Margo for time scouting is the fact that she's female. The book was

written in the late 90s- surely they could come up with a better reason than that!

The book is an easy read, making it a good one to use to pass time, but is not so great for people that like books that deal with serious issues; it is most definitely not

for hardcore feminists. It wins points with its creative view of the future, but despite its good intentions, it would make a better coaster than serious reading material.



Gogol Bordello blends old European sound with rock

By Trilaina Sibo
Staff Writer

Old-world Eastern European music and electric guitars seldom make good music together, but Gogol Bordello manages to meld the two into something that more than resembles music. The band, which puts itself in the 'gypsy punk' category, is made up of immigrants who settled in New York and formed a band.

Their music is rich with old sounds, and blends well with American rock 'n' roll. Their lyrics focus from satirical to angry, and everything in between. "Immigrant Punk" and "American Wedding" are fun and danceable, while "Start Wearing Purple" borders on just plain odd.

The band has some outlandish showmanship, and definitely stands out in a crowd with

bright colors and odd styles. The band has plenty of songs available for download on their website, www.gogolbordello.com, but to truly get a feel for the band, check out their videos, readily available on the ever-popular Youtube.com.

The website does have some interesting links to information about Romani (gypsy) culture and other little nuggets of fun. Some of the lyrics are not child-friendly, so listening before cranking it up and letting younger siblings or children share in the fun is definitely advisable, but there are plenty that are fine for young ears.

Gogol Bordello's new album, "Super Taranta!" is out now, and can be bought at Amazon.com or at Barnes and Noble.



Disaster of a movie appropriately named

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

In the opinion of most people "Plan 9 from Outer Space" is the worst movie ever made. In other circles the worst movie ever made was "Troll 2". In this modern day and age it is easy to say these movies were crummy because of the lack of advanced special effects.

But that strikes an interesting debate, no one actually made a film and intended for it to be a complete and utter disaster, until now. "Disaster Movie" is probably the worst movie ever made so the title is very apt.

This film is one of the many recent releases that are truly starting to show the cracks in the facade of the film industry. Now the culmina-

tion: Every season there is another parody movie that simply makes audiences wonder: what happened to the film industry? One idiotic joke after another badly written idiotic joke that leaves the audience wondering: "How did they actually convince a studio to make this?"

The plot centers on the premise as to what would happen if a eow ate the scripts for every movie that was released in the last year and then died of ink poisoning. Then movie producers sifted through the bile and put the remaining paper back together and call the script "Disaster Movie."

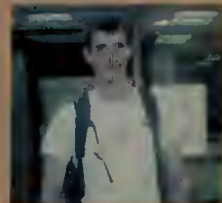
If Hollywood has run out of ideas this fast one can only wonder what could possibly be coming next?

SHOULD TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BE MADE ILLEGAL?



"I think if it was illegal people would still do it anyway because people are addicted to texting, it's an addiction."

-Daisy Nava



"No, it's your car, it's your choice what you do in your car and people should have the right to choose."

-Ian Bohannon



"No, Even if it is made illegal they won't be able to enforce it and people will do it anyway."

-Viviana Garcia



"Yes, because texting fully distracts your attention and you have to look at your phone to text."

-Jacob Havner

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The Left and Right of Things...

A special debate from The Voice editors



Vs.

Lyndsie Daikhi

Jon Sichtermann

September Debate: GOP vs. Democratic Convention

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

From August 25 through August 28, the Democrats gathered in Denver to nominate their presidential candidate, Barack Obama. The convention helped Obama regain the attention of the American people which had waned since the end of the Democratic primaries.

The first day of the convention was marked by the return to the public of Senator Ed Kennedy, who is fighting brain cancer.

"There is a new wave of change all around us," said Kennedy, "and if we set our compass true, we will reach our destination — not merely victory for our party, but renewal for our nation. And this November, the torch will be passed again to a new generation of Americans."

"So with Barack Obama, and for you and for me, our country will be committed to his cause."

The second part of the night was a speech by Barack Obama's wife, Michelle. Michelle Obama tried to convey the fact that Barack is just an ordinary American with a dream for a better future.

"You see, Barack doesn't care where you're from, or what your background is, or what party, if any, you belong to," said Michelle. "You see, that's just not how he sees the world. He knows that thread that connects us — our belief in America's promise, our commitment to our children's future — he knows that that thread is strong enough to hold us together as one nation even when we disagree."

During his acceptance speech, Obama laid out his plan for change, "Change happens because the American people demand it — because they rise up and insist on new ideas and new leadership, a new politics for a new time."

Obama went on to blast John McCain repeatedly, saying that a vote for McCain was another vote for the continuance of the current Bush administration. Obama slammed McCain on his views of the war in Iraq, his energy policy and health care policy. Obama went on to say that McCain was out of touch with average Americans

because his views on the current state of the economy.

"It's not because John McCain doesn't care," Obama said. "It's because John McCain doesn't get it."

Obama outlined his promises for the nation; he vowed to cut taxes, end the country's dependence on oil from the Middle East and offer affordable healthcare. Obama also pledged to end the war in Iraq quickly.

Obama's acceptance speech was the culmination of the four-day convention. During the convention, leaders tried to reconcile the party and gather support from former Hillary Clinton supporters and sway them to Obama's side. To help in this matter, Hillary and her husband former President Bill Clinton publicly endorsed Obama.

During her speech of endorsement, Hillary declared herself "a proud supporter of Barack Obama. She urged her supporters to put aside their loyalty to her and to unite behind Obama, saying that if they did not then they would run the risk of more years of Bush policies."

"Whether you voted for me, or voted for Barack, the time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose," Clinton said. "And you haven't worked so hard over the last 18 months, or endured the last eight years, to suffer through more failed leadership."

Clinton attacked McCain in her convention speech saying, "It makes sense that George Bush and John McCain will be together next week in the Twin Cities, because these days they're awfully hard to tell apart."

However, the convention was not without its fair share of controversy. 154 protesters were arrested for various reasons during the convention. Some were arrested for blocking the entrance to the Pepsi Center; others were arrested for just protesting. Of those arrested, 29 are demanding jury trials. For the cases that go to trial, the city of Denver will have to produce witnesses that can testify that those arrested committed the crimes for which they were charged.

By Jonathan Sichtermann,
Web Editor

From September 1 to 4, the Presidential campaign stopped while John McCain and the Republican Party held their convention in St. Paul, MN. The first day's events were largely postponed as Hurricane Gustav made landfall near New Orleans.

By Tuesday, however, the hurricane had made landfall and the convention was in full swing. Former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson and Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman. Thompson gave a moving speech in which he described in detail the torture and mistreatment McCain had to endure at the hands of his Vietnamese captors. At one point he said "John McCain's character has been tested like no other presidential candidate in the history of the nation."

While both candidates have promised bipartisanship, only one nominee invited a man who spent 20 years as a member of the opposition party. Lieberman was the Democratic Vice Presidential nominee eight years ago, but has long supported McCain. During his speech he asked "What, after all, is a Democrat like me doing at a Republican convention like this?" He answered his own question by saying, "I'm here to support John McCain because country matters more than party. I'm here tonight because John McCain is the best choice to bring our country together and lead our country forward."

On Wednesday night, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani delivered the keynote speech. Initially, Giuliani blasted Democratic nominee Barack Obama for his lack of experience, then turned to McCain. Giuliani spoke of McCain's promise to "lower taxes so our economy can grow" and to reduce government spending to strengthen our dollar. Giuliani closed out his speech by contrasting McCain's decisive response to the Russian invasion of Georgia with Obama's response.

Even though Mayor Giuliani brought the crowd to its feet numerous times, the

true star of the evening was Vice Presidential nominee Sarah Palin. Before she took the stage, Giuliani said "she already has more executive experience than the entire Democratic ticket combined." When she took the stage she announced that "I'm not going to Washington to seek [the establishment's] good opinion—I'm going to Washington to serve the people of this country. Americans expect us to go to Washington for the right reasons, and not just to mingle with the right people."

Governor Palin also pledged to "carry herself [with the] spirit" of the servant's heart as vice president. She also spoke of her record in cleaning up corruption in Alaska and dwelled on the issue of energy independence. She supports drilling in ANWR. Although the crowd was enthusiastic during each of the speeches, they were far more energized during her speech than at any other time.

On the final night of the convention, Arizona Senator John McCain gave his acceptance speech. He talked about his fight against corruption in both parties and his support for the Iraq surge. Then he told the stories of several middle class families in states such as New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, and said "they matter to me." The majority of his speech dealt with foreign policy, which is his strong suit. At one point he told the crowd "I'm running for President to keep the country I love safe and prevent other families from risking their loved ones in war as my family has."

While the first half of his speech was policy driven, he turned to his time in Vietnam, and concluded his speech by issuing a rallying call to his fellow Republicans and all Americans. He urged all Americans to "Stand up, stand up and fight. Nothing is inevitable here. We're Americans, and we never give up. We never quit. We never hide from history. We make history."

Going into the convention, it seemed nearly impossible for McCain to win the election. After the convention ended, McCain was leading Obama in many crucial states. The fight for the White House is now in full swing.

Observing 9/11, 7 years later Bush, presidential candidates put aside politics

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

This September 11 marked the seventh year since the terrorist tragedy that captured our nation. In his last year in the White House, President Bush observed a moment of silence at the same time that the first plane hit the Twin Towers. President Bush also dedicated the first 9/11 memorial to be opened at the Pentagon. The memorial consists of 184 cantilever benches, with the names of those killed, hanging over lighted pools of water.

"Seven years ago at this hour, a doomed airliner plunged from the sky, split the rock and steel of this building and changed our world forever," Bush told 15,000 family members, Pentagon workers and guests. Thanks to troops fighting abroad, "and all those who work to keep us safe, there has not been another attack on our soil in 2,557 days," Bush said.

The memorial that will be on the site of the Twin Towers is still in the planning stages. In fact,

there is a great deal of concern regarding the timeline of its completion, as well as the budget for its construction. The plans have also been hindered by disagreements and competing priorities among government agencies and family groups.



Presidential candidates put aside their differences to honor those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center. Sen. John McCain, along with his wife Cindy, as well as Sen. Barack Obama placed flowers in the

reflecting pool that is there.

Also the McCain and Obama participated in a forum at Columbia University on national service. Both McCain and Obama called for increasing the size of the military and raising pay for the armed forces.

Each candidate called the other inspiring: McCain praised Obama's ability to draw new voters and Obama praised McCain's model of serving the country.

Thailand's prime minister Samak Sundaravej ousted for hosting cooking show



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

Thailand's prime minister was ousted after hosting a cooking show. Samak Sundaravej was ordered to step down by the Constitutional Court, because hosting the cooking show would be a conflict of interest.

Samak hosted the popular TV cooking show, "Tasting and Complaining" for seven years before becoming prime minister in January. The problems lie in the fact that Samak has made sev-

eral appearances subsequent to taking office, which violated a constitutional prohibition on private employment while in office. Samak's party, People's Power Party, has nominated him for re-election.

However, members of the People's Alliance for Democracy, who seized the

prime ministerial complex, are outraged that the People's Power Party did so. Analysts have warned that Samak's re-election could bring instability, economic chaos and perhaps even a military coup.

The confrontation between the protest movement and the government "will surely sharpen if Parliament voted to appoint Samak back as prime minister," said Teerana Pongmakhapat, a lecturer in political economy at Chulalongkorn University.

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Gary Railcats drop the ball

Defeated by Kansas City in Northern League Championship

By Tom Albano
Sports Writer



Photo courtesy of Gary Railcats

The Kansas City T-Bones clinched their first ever Northern League Title by defeating the RailCats 5-3 at the RailYard last Tuesday. It was the T-Bones first Championship since moving to Kansas City in 2003. The event also marked the fourth straight year that the RailCats have made it to the series, winning it all in 2005 and 2007.

In this best of five series, the RailCats jumped out and drew first blood, taking game one, but this first strike was short lived as they went on to eventually drop the next three games in the series.

Home runs doomed the Cats in their final game. Long-shots by Greg Jacobs, Jim Fasano and Craig Hurba collapsed Gary's efforts to win a second straight title. All five runs came as a result of these homers. The RailCats were offensively overwhelmed mustering only four hits throughout eight innings, until a dramatic ninth nearly kept them alive.

T-Bones starter Anthony Boughner threw 6.1 innings of shut-out ball. Relievers Brady Martinez and Andy Shipman followed suit, up until the ninth, which paved the way for the T-Bones All-Star closer David Trahan to enter and finish off the RailCats. This proved to be no easy task, as Gary was determined not to be sent home in this year's fall classic.

Northern League Player of the year, Tanner Townsend, welcomed Trahan into the game with a lead off double down the line, and later advanced to third on a Christian Guerrero base hit. Steve Haake stepped up to the plate next and cleared the bases with his 2 RBI hit. Mike Rhode followed thereafter and drew a walk, executing perfect patience with the game on the line.

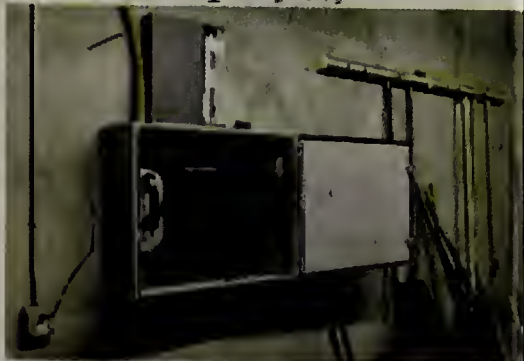
All of a sudden, Kansas City found themselves in a bind with

two on, nobody out, with the score 5-2 and the tying run, John McCarthy, coming to the plate. Trahan, seemingly unfazed, was able to strike McCarthy out. He then got Eric McNamee to fly-out before surrendering another run, off a hit by Rob Marconi, narrowing the deficit to 5-3. This long-lacked drama came to a close however, as the T-Bones closer retired the final batter, Eric Blakely, on another strikeout, thus ending the game and giving Kansas City their third straight win to clinch the title.

The Kansas City T-Bones finished the playoffs 6-1, launching their way towards victory with a total of 13 home runs throughout the seven games they played. Ironically, of the four Northern League teams who made the postseason, Kansas City had the worst record, a losing one at that, and was the fourth ranked seed to begin the playoffs. This is just further evidence that once the regular season is over, it is over.

When the playoffs begin, it is as if a whole new season is underway, anything becomes possible. Oftentimes the team who catches fire and gets in a rhythm is the most dangerous and is consequently the team that goes on to win it all. The T-Bones did just that. These underdogs were the last to clinch, yet they were the last left standing as the 2008 Northern League Championship concluded.

Major League Baseball cautiously implements instant replay system



The "instant replay" box. Courtesy of Chicago Cubs

By Tom Albano
Sports Writer

Instant replay was implemented in Major League Baseball on Aug. 28. Major League Baseball and its fans witnessing the rule change for the first time ever. Baseball has long been opposed to instant replay, unlike many of the other sports that now give their officials instant replay to examine close calls. Baseball prides itself on the long standing tradition of preserving the game in its natural form and accepting human error as a part of baseball. As one may imagine, with talk of instant replay surfacing, critics began to cry a foul over a change to the rules this late in the season. Not to mention the inevitable delays it would cause in games, an issue which MLB officials already see as a growing problem. The greatest fear, one that still looms, is that baseball will expand instant replay beyond the use of questionable home runs.

It all began to change late last year during baseball's winter meetings. General Managers voted 25-5 to start exploring the use of instant replay. This season, talk turned to calls for action after a series of bad home run miscues plagued Major League games. It was later tallied that replay could have been used, or was needed, some 18 times this season alone. As far as August was concerned, it was estimated that there was at least one game per week that could have benefited from the use of instant replay.

Suddenly, commissioner of baseball Bud Selig (greatly opposed to instant replay) found himself in a complicated situation. Baseball's postseason looms right around the corner and several key divisional races are still up for grabs. This means that every game is not only critical but vital, to determining whether a team will clinch the playoffs. Any error caused by a blown home run call would be deemed unacceptable and many spectators would be left scratching their heads, knowing that if only baseball had taken the same route as the other sports, all this could have been averted.

Ultimately, Jimmie Lee Soloman, MLB's Executive Vice-President of baseball operations, created a plan for instant replay. The plan was then approved by commissioner Selig and implemented into play immediately.

So how does it work? Better yet, does it work? According to Soloman, the "technology is undeniable." Again remember, instant replay is only used in situations where home runs are in question. It is utilized to determine whether a ball is fair or foul, in or out of the playing field, or whether fan interference has occurred.

The process on the field proceeds as follows. First, the umpires briefly meet about the questionable call. Then, the crew chief, and only the crew chief, decides whether or not to use replay and does so by making a

sign. At this point, the chief umpire goes to the designated spot (each stadium now has one) which contains a metal box. In this box contains a 20 inch LCD monitor and a telephone. The phone connects the crew chief with MLB headquarters in New York City, and replays feeds of the play in multiple angles from their operations "center."

Think of a video command center of sorts, with a wide range of monitors and footage streaming in from the home and visiting television networks broadcasting the game. The umpire will get four to six looks at this controversial home run and then makes a decision. The entire process can last no longer than 2 minutes, 30 seconds and anyone who argues the ruling will immediately be ejected from the game.

Instant replay saw its first use on Sept. 3, just seven days after being implemented. It was used at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, during the ninth inning of a game that featured the Tampa Bay Rays and the New York Yankees. Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez (who had a home run taken away earlier in the year due to a botched call) hit what appeared to be a towering home run past the left-field foul pole. Initially ruled a fair ball, the umpires deliberated and then persuaded the crew chief to utilize instant replay. After two minutes, 15 seconds, the call was upheld and deemed fair, giving A.Rod his two-run homer, number 549 of his career, and sole procession of 12th on the all-time home run list.

According to V.P. of operations, Soloman, "Everything went the way it was supposed to go." The first use of instant replay is exactly how everyone envisioned it working. As for the feared delays it would cause, Rays catcher Dioner Navarro joked, "Sometimes it takes longer for the manager to get kicked out of the game."

The process went according to plan and was executed flawlessly. Crew chief Charlie Reliford opened the metal cabinet located in the visiting third-base dugout and used the secure phone that connects him with the operations center at MLB.com. He was then replayed the highlight, and was ultimately able to confirm the home run. So what did the future Hall-of-Famer have to say about the game's newest rule?

Rodriguez sums up instant replay saying, "It was pretty time-efficient, and that was good, something they [usually] meet [on] for four or five. Today probably saved us about four or five minutes and they got it right."

Time will only tell whether instant replay is good for baseball or whether it will exceed its boundaries and be used on all types of questionable plays in the future. One thing is for certain, instant replay has arrived and if this first application is any indication, instant replay is here to stay.

Zambrano "no hits" Astros

Historic game defies odds, poor weather

By Tom Albano
Sports Writer

On Sept. 14 a "confused" Carlos Zambrano took the mound against the division rival Houston Astros and tossed his first career no-hitter, beating Houston 5-0. This was the first no-hitter for the Chicago Cubs since Milt Pappas in 1972.

It has been some 36 years since then, and even longer for Cubs fan waiting for a World Series ring.

Perhaps the fact that this game took place in neither the home nor the visiting team's stadium is even the greater story here. Not only is this game historical on several fronts, but it was also one of the most improbable feats that a fan was likely to witness.

Originally slated to play in Houston for a three game set, the Cubs and Astros were forced to flee the gulf and seek drier land after the Friday and Saturday games were canceled due to the tropical storms that hit the Gulf. Chicago and most of the Midwest was also being hit by major rain fall at the same time, leaving the entire series in jeopardy and the two teams without a place to play. Finally, on Sunday evening, vacated Miller Park in Milwaukee, home of the Brewers, was used to host to these two teams.

A predominantly "Cub" crowd of 23,441 gathered under Miller Park's retractable roof to watch this historic game, and left witnessing a second piece of history that occurred all in the same night. Maybe the fact that Zambrano was taking the mound in a stadium that was home to neither of the two teams playing was enough to confuse the theatrical pitcher that we have all come to know. The confusing part, or rather astounding, is that everything about this game was improbable, yet it all came together perfectly to create history.

From the hurricanes that threatened the status of the series, to not having a stadium to play in,

right down to the starting pitcher who threw the no hitter, questions plagued and jeopardized each and every one of these instances. Zambrano had previously been on an 11-day layoff with shoulder pain, and whispers of shutting him down for an extended period of time were beginning to creep up on the team. Carlos also had won just one game since August. Yet another perplexing fate that surely helped to cloud his psyche.

What is for certain is that one

7.1 innings in what later turned into a loss.

Zambrano, who was clocked throwing as high as 98 mph with his fastball during the game, struck out 10, walked one, and allowed only two balls to even leave the infield. There really were no close calls, no diving plays, and certainly no doubt what Zambrano set out to accomplish.

The (14-5) burly right hander finished the no-hit bid by getting

Houston's Quintero to ground out to shortstop Ryan Theriot for out number one. Pinch hitter Jose Castillo was next, again being retired 6-3 (Theriot to Derek Lee). Zambrano then finished the game and his no-hitter by striking out Derin Erstad on a nasty split-finger, bringing the crowd of 23,441 to its feet as the place erupted into mass pandemonium.



Photo courtesy of the Chicago Cubs

of baseball's most exciting and emotional pitchers knew exactly when to return to the mound. Confused or not, he was apparently thinking of a no-hitter from the beginning. Zambrano is no stranger to no-hitters. He has narrowly missed out on throwing one nearly half a dozen times throughout his career. In early June, Zambrano came within five outs of a no-hitter against the same Houston team, and later that month held San Diego hitless for

"I'm a little confused right now, I still can't believe it."

Well, Cubs fans should start to believe it. If this game is any indication of what is yet to come, then things could get very interesting for fans this October. History may again unfold and be re-written right before our eyes, this time washing away yet another set of formidable improbabilities, improbabilities that have plagued the Cubs in October for the past century.

Pride Week

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Panther Pride Week celebration kicks off the school year



By Tom Alhamo
Staff Writer

Purdue North Central kicked off the fall semester with its annual Pride Week on Sept. 2. Pride Week is put on by the F.A.C.E. (Fine Arts Convocations and Events) Committee each semester and provides food, entertainment and fun while promoting PNC pride throughout the entire campus, all week long.

With Labor Day taking place that Monday, the fun did not begin until classes resumed on Tuesday. Don't let this mid-week start fool you however, students all over campus lined up Tuesday to get their own piece of the action. From 11-1 p.m., free pizza from Little Caesars was featured on this first day and given away to all of the mouth watering students who waited for their slice of Pride Week.

This was not the only attraction to appear opening day, however. F.A.C.E. designed and sold T-shirts to help promote panther pride. The shirt itself displayed PNC's logo and lettering on the

front, and pictured the sponsoring companies' for this fall's pride week, on the back. Those sponsors included Chase Bank, Haas & Associates, and AT&T. A tide-dyed station was also set up for all the students that supported the event and who bought a T-Shirt to display their PNC pride. The T-shirts and the dyeing stations were extremely successful, and ultimately sold out of all the shirts that were on sale for pride week.

On Thursday, Pride Week came to an end and concluded with a campus wide Blood Drive. Students, in general, seemed very pleased with the week's results, and the following student interviews did good to re-affirm this.

Trenton Byrd really enjoyed the week and pointed to the socializing, free food, and ice-cream as his focal points. "I liked the music, loved the music, it was good, it was fun, everyone was out and dancing!" Amanda Drake also agreed that the music was her favorite part of Pride Week as well, acknowledging "the DJ was pretty cool!" Several students

seemed to when asked what they enjoyed most, they couldn't decide what was best, was it the music or the free food? For Maira Gondim the "free food!" was sought out as her favorite.

Our curiosity about pride week still lingered on after these initial responses, so we decided to flex a bit of our own creative muscle and ask students what their ultimate pride week would consist of, so read closely F.A.C.E., the verdict is in! After polling students, here were some of the ideas generated. Students want music everyday, slip and slides set up in the courtyard, no class!, longer hours, a sports day featuring PNC's athletic teams, a celebrity, a concert, and a dunking tank featuring Chancellor Dworkin. What better way to introduce yourself to new students?

All together, Pride Week was once again touted as highly successful, and if nothing else, helped make it easier for students to make the transition back to Purdue's Nicest Campus for the start of the fall semester and a new school year.



By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

Dancing and dyeing, eats and treats, Purdue North Central launched its annual Pride Week on the return following Labor Day.

On Wednesday, September 3, 2008, D.J. Wade had PNC students busting moves in between classes while others indulged on Quiznos' subs and Swanson's ice cream treats that were generously donated.

Wii was set up outside of LSF where students could play a game of golf or dance to a beat before they were subjected to hitting the hooks once again. Along with entertainment, tables full of information were set up along the

quad in respect to Cluh Callout.

Cluhs consisted of: Office of Career Development which provided job listings on and off campus in and of the area; Building Construction Cluh; Art Cluh which is not yet inhibited is seeking members for art, music, and culinary attributes; Society for Creative Anachronism; and F.A.C.E. who organized Pride Week.

Sponsors of the event were Chase Bank, AT&T, and Haas and Associates all of whom were welcomed to set up along the quad as well. As tribute to our charitable sponsors, the T-shirts for tie-dye had the companies' text on the back of the shirt. The event concluded at 1p.m.

PNC students in Peru during Summer '08

Interview with Dr. Kenneth Kincaid

Interview by Jessica Ring

1) How long has the trip been running?

This was the first year that PNC has taken students to Peru. Professor Ziegenfuss did take some community members to Peru a couple of years ago.

2) Why Peru?

I have professional connections in Peru. I have worked the last few years with the Bruning Museum in Lamhayeque, Peru and have contacts at the oldest university in the Americas, the National University of San Marcos. Moreover, my wife is from Peru and this was a good opportunity for students to see everyday life in a developing country. Maria Ofelia Ziegenfuss, of Modern Languages, is also from Peru and also has professional contacts in Lima as well as in Cuzco.

Finally, since Machu Picchu was recently named one of the new 7 Wonders of the World, it seemed like a good idea to put together a study abroad program.

3) How long is the trip?

The trip was 15 days. We left on June 5 and the students returned on June 20.

4) What were some of the highlights of the trip?

There were several and I believe each student had his/her favorite experiences. Certainly, the experience of travelling to another country was novel for most students. As for specific highlights, I would say the following probably rank for most students: seeing the museums and colonial buildings in Lima

and Cuzco; visiting the Temple of the Sun in Cuzco; spending two days at Machu Picchu; hiking the mountain Huayna Picchu; seeing Sacsayhuaman; and Ollaytantambo; participating in a shaman's ceremony of giving thanks to the mother earth; attending a program of music and dance at Brisas de Titicaca; climbing several huacas (pyramids) in northern Peru (Trujillo, Chiclayo); walking through the ancient Chimú city of Chan Chan; visiting several archaeological excavations of Moche and Sican pyramids; participating in an archaeological dig at Chotuna; visiting a rural school and providing students with school supplies; the welcome reception that Professor Kincaid's wife, Sonia, put together for the students; seeing the archaeological site and museum of the Señor of Sipan...

5) What is the approximate cost of travel?

The travel to the Peru's central highlands was conducted in concert with EF Tours. The cost ranged between \$2700 (for students under 23) and \$3000 (for students and participants over 23). The travel to northern Peru was developed independently through my contacts with the Bruning Museum. Students paid only \$350 for this part of the trip.

So all together students paid \$3000 - \$3300.

6) What do you feel is the best thing students take away from Peru?

There are several things that I would hope that students took from this experience, however, the three most important are: 1) greater appreciation for ethnic, cultural and ecological diversity

in the world; 2) recognizing the challenges (and the sources of these challenges) that people in other countries face and how they are trying to overcome them; 3) greater self-recognition of themselves as global citizens, which includes recognition of the extremely privileged position that we as U.S. citizens have (often at the expense of others) and assuming some social responsibility to improve conditions for people in far-off lands.

7) Is it restricted to students who have a Spanish-speaking background/are in Spanish class?

No. We had two groups of participants in the program: students and community members. Students were able to take one of two classes, either A Social and Ecological History of the Andes or Spanish Readings: Sustainable Tourism.

8) Do students ever experience a sense of culture shock upon arrival? Why so?

Most students did, however, I think this question would be better suited for students to answer. I will say that the things that troubled students more than anything were: a) witnessing poverty; b) lack of personal space; c) altitude; many students suffered from altitude sickness; d) rugged terrain: students spent a lot of time walking/hiking; e) traditional cuisine: guinea pigs...

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**October 26

Dr. Antonia Novello
U.S. Health Care Reform
Sponsored by Indiana University Northwest

Dr. Novello is the former Surgeon General of the United States and UNICEF Special Representative for Health and Nutrition. She has a well-earned reputation for being an outspoken advocate for public health issues. This program is sure to provide valuable information and prompt a stimulating exchange during the Q&A portion of the presentation.

**November 9

Ambassador Dennis Ross
The Complex World of Middle Eastern Policy
Sponsored by The Bankoff Endowment for the Forum

For more than 12 years, Ambassador Ross played the leading role in shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East peace process, authoring the only peace accords ever to be implemented in the region. Ambassador Ross will delve into the struggle to bring peace to the Middle East, including how to deal with Islamic extremists and how the Israeli-Palestinian crisis relates to Iraq, Iran and the entire Middle East arena.

*December 7

Jeffrey Toobin
The Nine
Sponsored by Horizon Bank

Heralded by the New York Times as one of the 10 best books of 2007, Jeffrey Toobin's "The Nine" provides an inside look at the workings of the Supreme Court. Having been given unprecedented access to the "Supremes," as the justices are called, Mr. Toobin's insights into the often mysterious workings of our highest judicial body and its members provide never before released information for his audiences. Toobin has been called "a very serious speaker with a great sense of humor" and has delighted audiences across the country and across the political spectrum.

A book signing will follow the program.

NOTE: All programs will be held at Elston Middle School, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City.

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New Student Services and Activities Building Purdue University approves plan for campus complex

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

There are big plans in the making, a Student Services and Activities Complex Building to be exact. The 150,000 square foot building will be available for student activities and university campus events, and it will contain a fitness and wellness center, gym, and locker room. The building will be constructed by architectural firm Design Organization, Inc. from Valparaiso. Moody Nolan, Inc. from Indianapolis was the chosen firm for the engineering. Chancellor James Dworkin has appointed a committee to work with the architects and engineers on the design for the facility: Vice Chancellor for Administration and Committee Chair G. William Back; Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and

Student Services Lawrence M. Barrett; Engineering Technology Department and Chair, Faculty Senate Thomas F. Brady, Jr., Chair; Purdue North Central-Porter County Director Susan Brychell; Associate Professor of Building Construction and Management Technology Martha Garcia-Saenz; Biology and Chemistry Department and Chair, University Resources, Planning and Priority Committee K. Chris Holford, Chair; Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration and Facilities Stephen R. Turner; and Student Representative Karris Inglis.

Events that will occur in the building will be those of PNC and accessible to the community. Lawrence M. Barrett said, "We hope to have a conference room and also multifunctional rooms

for activities such as comedians, lecturers, and music groups. It will also be a nice place to have our own graduation held in the building twice a year." In terms of the community, Barrett said, "The community could really use a state of the art conference activity center. Westville's location is perfect for this type of building because of its central location between LaPorte and Valpo. I could also see this project as the potential economic engine to bring hotels, student residence halls to the PNC community. I also think there is a potential to utilize the facility as a training site for the Olympics if they come to Chicago in 2016."

The 34.7 million dollar project will come from funds provided by decisions of the legislature, and part of the money will be from gift funds. The initial start of

the project will depend on when the funding will become available. Chancellor Dworkin commented, "For now, the good news is that the Purdue Board of Trustees approved our request for the building." The committee appointed by Chancellor Dworkin will discuss what exactly the building will contain aside from the wellness center and gym and where the exact site of the building will be on the PNC campus.

As for PNC, Vice Chancellor Barrett foresees the project creating an increase of enrollment. Barrett commented, "It will increase both the recruitment and retention of our students. All the retention regarding student persistence indicates that colleges need activities both inside and outside the classroom to engage and retain students. This question I could answer for hours."

PNC welcomes new provost



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

The newly appointed provost, Dr. Randy Woodson, visited Purdue University North Central. Dr. Woodson was appointed Provost of Purdue University on May 1 and he is the chief academic officer. Dr. Woodson has oversight for all academic programs on the West Lafayette campus as well as the four regional campuses.

In a whirlwind of different meetings Dr. Woodson made time to visit with students who wanted to discuss any concerns that they had. Some students discussed their wishes for new programs to come to the PNC campus. Other students voiced their concerns about class scheduling and room availability.

Woodson discussed prospective programs and the new student activities building that is in the works for PNC.

Woodson is a native of Arkansas and he received his

bachelor's degree in horticulture and chemistry from the University of Arkansas and his master's id horticulture and his doctorate in horticulture and plant physiology from Cornell University.

Before he came to Purdue, Woodson was an assistant professor of horticulture at Louisiana State University. Woodson came to Purdue in 1985 and he became a professor in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in 1993. From 1996-1998 Woodson served as the head of the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. In 1998, he was named associate dean of agriculture and director of agricultural research programs and was responsible for overseeing the university's research programs in agriculture.

While being dean, Woodson helped the college hire more faculty and partnered with the College of Science to launch the Climate Change Research Center.

Campus hosts first Breast Cancer Walk



By Kerri Marrs-Baron
Student Activities

Purdue University North Central hosted its first Breast Cancer Walk Saturday, Oct. 11, at Patriot Park, preceding a Lady Panthers softball doubleheader. There were 40 walkers who took the one-mile and two-mile challenge.

The walk started with a moment of silence for Martha Fisher, RN, a PNC graduate who passed away this summer after a long, courageous battle with breast cancer. The walk, a combined effort of Student Activities and the Lady Panthers Softball team, brought in more than \$300 in donations for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Donations will be collected throughout the month during other breast cancer awareness events on campus. All donations will be made to the foundation.

Wearing pink shirts, the PNC softball team members named themselves the "Pink Panthers"

for the day.

The honor of throwing out the first pitch of the game went to PNC First Lady Nancy Dworkin. Even though PNC opponent Moraine Valley Community College cancelled at the last minute, the Pink Panthers did not allow this to diminish spirit of the event.

Instead, the team split into two squads – the Pink Panthers and the Black and Gold – to play intrasquad games in place of the scheduled double header. The teams ended up splitting the series with one win each.

During the week of October 20, PNC will celebrate breast cancer awareness as pink ribbons will be distributed to each campus employee and student who would like to show their support.

The ribbons will be distributed from the Office of Student Activities. Anyone who should like to receive a ribbon should contact Alexandria (Bobbi) Densmore at

adensmore@pnc.edu.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Pre-Pharmacy Club will host a pink bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. outside the LSF cafeteria.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21 and Wednesday, Oct. 22, donations will be accepted for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Donors giving \$5 or more will receive a passionately pink lapel pin.

The week's events will be finalized on Saturday, Oct. 25 by the Lady Panther volleyball team playing the Lancers of Grace College at noon. The game will be played with a pink volleyball. Students will be admitted to the game for free and will receive a t-shirt. Non-students will be charged \$5 to be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

These donations will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in memory of Martha Fisher, RN, a PNC graduate who passed away from breast cancer this past summer.

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Commentary

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Understanding Ron Paul supporters



By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

So I ran into a Ron Paul supporter the other day and I asked him what he was going to do in November. He responded by saying he would vote for Ron Paul. I was somewhat taken aback by this response given that Ron Paul's name will not even be on the ballot. Why would someone bother to write a candidate's name on a Presidential ballot? More importantly, what is it about this hitherto obscure doctor-turned-Congressman from east Texas that elicits such support?

During the primary elections, the Paul campaign developed the most efficient internet campaign ever, raised more money than any other GOP candidate, and amassed a grassroots movement rivaled only by Senator Obama's. The question remains: why?

Then it dawned on me: Ron Paul has convictions. In an age when poll numbers and analysts tell our elected officials what to think, Paul is different. Paul relies on the Constitution to tell him what to vote for (what a novel idea).

This editorial is not written to endorse him (it's a bit late for that). I do not agree with Paul on everything, but I do admire his conviction and tenacity. Many of his ideas are unorthodox and unpopular in Washington. That is a good thing. In a representative democracy it is vital for differing ideas to be heard. Too often our two major parties become locked in a battle over some piece of legislation and fail to consider any other view points, or worse they become united behind one hill and never explore its negative consequences.

In a time when many members of Congress from both parties voted in support of the USA Patriot Act without question, Congressman Paul voiced strong opposition on the floor of the House of Representatives. More recently, when Democrats and Republicans alike in both houses of Congress stampeded to pass an

economic "hailout",

Congressman Paul voiced vociferous opposition not only in the House, but also on television and radio shows across the country. His views were largely ignored by both the media and his own party because those views were not in line with the political orthodoxy. This political silencing is not a phenomenon of the right: Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) also voiced concerns about the recent hailout bill, but to no avail. Kucinich, who is as far to the left as Paul is to the right, was ignored as soundly by the media and his fellow Democrats as Dr. Paul was by the media and Republicans.

This political silencing has led some to call for third and fourth parties to step up. I have mixed feelings on that, but I would certainly welcome greater dialogue and debate. Ron Paul has certainly done his part; now it's time for others to follow suit. I don't mind if someone disagrees with me on particular issues; I just want leaders in Washington with enough gestalt to stand behind what they believe, no matter how unpopular. What I want are more Ron Pauls.

Not gonna play your debating games



By Jessica Ring
Layout Editor

So, who are you voting for?

It's one of the most loaded questions a person can receive. Your answer will be analyzed and subject to either overwhelming support or hateful criticism. As the election grows closer, the rift between political parties becomes a yawning chasm where third party voters are sucked into a void.

You may pause carefully, and in turn, try to analyze the person who is asking the question. Do they look like a liberal or a conservative? How are they going to

react, based on how you look? Will they condemn you as a human being, and perhaps condemn you as a 'jackass' as soon as you walk away?

Suddenly, the political election becomes a reflection of how you are as a human being. You may love animals and be a humanitarian, but voting for Obama now may mean you support the slaughter of unborn babies. Voting for McCain means you support the slaughter of U.S. soldiers. Voting for Ron Paul means that you are wasting your vote, and not taking the election seriously. The problem with simplifying the ideology of a candidate is that the ideologies of his supporters are often simultaneously diminished.

I generally leave politics to my fellow editors. The whole business makes me want to take a nap. Some people relish in lively political debates, exchanging blows deftly with glowing faces. The mounting excitement

intrigues them; makes them feel alive. I'll just be eternally grateful when this whole business is over with, and we can resume discussing beer pong and the newest season of The Office.

It's not that I don't feel that politics are important. I am most certainly making a point of voting on Election Day.

I just don't feel like justifying my candidate choice to every single person with a contesting view. I know that you're looking for an argument, but you're not going to get one. I have done as much research as I see fit to make a reasonable decision, and debating with strangers is not going to affect it. I am entitled to making my own choice in the voting box, as are you. So chill.

Economic bailout: failure or success?

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

The past week has seen dramatic events rock the United States' financial sector. Some of the nation's largest financial institutions have closed down. The White House has warned of dire economic problems. There has been talk of a second Great Depression. One Presidential candidate suspended his campaign to go to Washington to fix the problem, while the other remained in constant telephone contact with Treasury Secretary Paulson. The House of Representatives initially voted down a measure that many felt would solve the problem, then passed the Senate's measure which was signed into law.

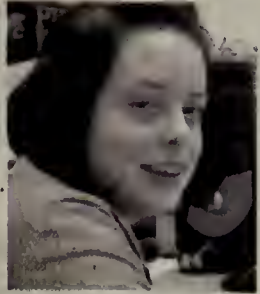
While many in the government and the media saw the initial rejection of the rescue bill as a failure, others saw it differently. One school of economic thought holds that the free market, and not the government, should work to correct the nation's economic problems. By trying to bailout the banking industry, the government is simply attacking the symptoms and not the actual problem in the economy.

While conventional thinking holds that recessions are problematic, from an economic perspective, recessions are "nothing more than a time when scarce resources are reallocated in accordance with consumers' priorities" writes economist Frank Shostak. He argues that "a better way to fix the economic problems is to allow entrepreneurs the freedom to allocate resources in accordance with society's priorities."

If the market is allowed to

Why your vote is not unimportant

From an excited first time voter



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

With the election less than one month away, I feel extremely excited because this will be my first time voting in a presidential election. However, I heard a comment from a friend that nearly stopped me in my tracks and made me realize that some people my age were not as excited as I am.

When discussing the upcoming elections said friend proceeded to tell me that she was not going to vote because and I quote, her "vote doesn't count". I was aghast; I didn't think that people normal, sane people actually believed in this idea.

These comments lead to a very interesting conversation. After I got over my original shock, I asked her why she felt this way. She proceeded in her cynicism telling me that no one's vote really counts and that the elections are decided by the elites of this nation.

During the course of this conversation, I recalled a story that I had recently read in a book about an election that was lost by one single vote. The story centered on a local election for a town council. The author of the story reminisced about a time when a neighbor ran for town council.

Tony, the man running for election, continually asked his neighbors if they would vote for him in the upcoming election and every time they were asked the author's parents would politely refuse to vote. The author's parents had never voted and they never planned on voting. When asked why they would not vote their response was the same as my friend; they believed that their vote did not count.

Perhaps some of you have already figured out the moral of this story. Tony lost by a single vote. Had the author of this sad tale voted for Tony, he would have won by a single vote. After the election, Tony never spoke to the author's parents again and less than a year after the loss, Tony sold his house and moved away.

I am not sure if this little anecdote changed my friend's mind, but I thought that I would share it with the readers of The Voice. I believe that our readers have very open minds and perhaps by sharing this story I will be able to encourage someone to vote.

It is because of my firm belief that every vote really does count that I am spending valuable studying time to write this. I urge each and every reader to make their mark in the world on November 4 by going out to their local polling station and voting. I will just leave you with this quote from President William McKinley "Unlike any other nation, here the people rule and their will is the supreme law..."

Perhaps if you are voting in Michigan City you will see me smiling with satisfaction after casting my first presidential vote.

lems-the Federal Reserve's loose credit policies.

Between January 2001 and June 2003, the Fed lowered interest rates 5%, effectively creating money out of thin air. According to Shostak, "if authorities had kept strong controls over mortgage lending, while at the same time creating money out of thin air, the excesses would have popped up in some other sector." In other words, today's economic malaise would have been present even if stronger regulation had been enforced.

When the bill failed to pass the House of Representatives, prices fell dramatically. While the stock market crash was widely covered, price drops of other goods received less attention. For instance, oil prices dropped significantly. Low commodity prices are exactly what are needed with the economy heading toward recession. As economist Llewellyn Rockwell, Jr. puts it "we need ever-lower prices on all things, including gas and groceries and houses. This is the basis for economic recovery."

The House of Representatives voted against a bill which some economists say could have had disastrous effects on the United States economy. Days later the Senate and House passed a similar bill which was signed into law by the President almost immediately. Three days later, the economic effects of this law are only beginning to be felt. These repercussions will likely continue to be felt long after the Presidential election in November.

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Campus News

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Habitat for Humanity and Delta Sigma in Tutweiler, Mississippi Initial Hurricane Katrina aide effort turns into yearly trip for Science Club students

By Kerri Marrs-Barron
Student Activities

For the past three years, I have embarked in a journey that took students away from their usual element, and sent them on the adventure of a Habitat for Humanity trip to northern Mississippi.

This trip began as a Delta Sigma Science Club effort to assist Habitat for Humanity with the Hurricane Katrina affected areas in 2005. During the screening process, Habitat for Humanity officials learned that we were not trained craftsmen and encouraged us to assist another Habitat for Humanity affiliate that would be able to utilize our talents and enthusiasm to help in any way we could. Our group decided to help a Habitat for Humanity project in the town of Tutweiler, in Northern Mississippi.

After three successful trips to Mississippi I can say that I felt very welcomed by a community that continues to embrace hope and welcome all.

If you travel along Highway 49 in Mississippi, you drive around a curve and straighten out on the road, and you drive by Tutweiler. It is no more than a hunk of an eye, but once you stop, you are hooked.

I have been the only person to attend all three trips to Tutweiler, but I will tell you that out of the 30 students and staff who have traveled to Tutweiler, they all desire to return. A handful of students have taken the trip more than once. One even stopped by on her way to a spring

break trip. The community is like a big family and they welcome all and are thrilled to see visitors from far away who provide hope to their residents.

In the 1920's Tutweiler was a booming city with a railroad depot and many transports in this area that was and still is surrounded by cotton production. Old pictures show an unbelievable hustle and bustle that once occurred in what is now a desolate town.

When the first cotton factory was built, manual labor was no longer needed and the workers - predominantly African American - lost their jobs and, hence, caused the current economic devastation of Tutweiler.

The culture, music and environment that surrounds this town is so distinct, and loud, that you cannot avoid it. The area is very relaxed, very welcoming. Those you meet do not discuss their material possessions. Rather they talk about their family and the newest card game you might want to play. To be frank, most do not have a cell phone, some have never used a digital camera and many do not plan on leaving this area, even though the closest job may be up to 10 miles away.

What the residents do have is a community that wants to suc-

ceed. This area has the first established Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the state of Mississippi that has been open since the mid 1980s. Habitat has just put the walls up for the 34th house of the Habitat for Humanity subdivision.

Habitat asks that the homeowner put in 500 hours of work, called "sweat equity" into the home they will occupy. Once they move into their home, they begin

ing needs.

For example, on our second trip, we met Dee a 17-year-old junior who was thinking about college. He was thrilled to move into his new house. This past July I went for my third trip and learned that Dee had graduated from high school and was heading to the local community college. He is a role model for his siblings and students in his community. Dee said that many youngsters tell him they want to follow in his shoes.

This summer, the trip was different. During the past two years we went during our winter break and put up dry wall, specifically an entire house of drywall. The homes include three bedrooms, a bathroom, and a living room with a combined dining room/kitchen. This trip was in

July it was hot. Our first day, it was 112 degrees and we were rehabilitating inside two homes. We stained baseboard, installed light fixtures, stained doors and sweated and slapped at bugs!

This year seven students attended, Carly Butterfield, Dominique Edwards, Kevin Nelson, Caryn Ryhecki, Catie Rybecki, Matt Westenfeld and Iris Young.

Tutweiler is known as the home of the blues. It is always a powerful reminder to visit the Delta Blues Museum and learn of the history of the culture and blues. We visited where Muddy Waters grew up in Clarksdale, Miss. We always stop for the local tunes at the local blues club, Ground Zero in Clarksdale, co-owned by Morgan Freeman. This year, we were surprised when Robert Plant from Led Zeppelin stopped by to enjoy the music. With the wonderful persuasion of Iris, we had a group picture taken with him.

As a parent I love being in Tutweiler because the children welcome you with open hearts and are sad to see you go. The night before we left I was wishing Dee success at college, Jeremiah, a 7- or 8-year-old boy who stopped by our volunteer hunk house every day, brought me a bunch of flowers he collected and told me "Boss lady, I don't want to see you leave."

This community might not have the financial independence to succeed, but they have heart, strength, belief in God and the will to survive.

Every person who has taken this trip has changed for the better. They help others more often and usually are less likely to judge the less fortunate. As I write, this I welcome all of you to leave your comfort zone to help someone, whether it be a new skill you learn or whether you become more open minded, volunteering always makes a difference.

From the office of the SGA president

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

October has been a busy month for PNC's Student Government. As the last issue of the Voice went to print, the SGA was prepared to vote for a new representative, and was also planning several activities for the upcoming November elections. On September 24, the Student Government announced that freshman Emily Turner had been elected to fill the vacant SGA seat.

The Student Government Association is excited about having her join and looks forward to her contributions throughout the remaining school year.

As September drew to a close, the Student Government began a month long program aimed at registering voters and informing them of the important issues affecting the state and nation. The SGA held two voter registration drives with mixed results, and with that now com-

pleted the second stage of the program is about to begin.

During the final week of October, SGA will work with several other organizations around campus to better inform voters. While the final schedule of events for "Election Week" has yet to be unveiled, here is the tentative schedule.

On Tuesday October 28, members of the PNC College of Business will give a presentation on the economy. The presentation, which is open to the public, will allow people to talk with some of Northwest Indiana's best business minds about the current problems affecting the nation's economy.

In addition, the Student Government hopes to have professors from different fields speak about election issues in their respective areas of expertise throughout the week.

Often state and local elections take a backseat to the Presidential election. For that rea-

son, Student Government President Jonathan Sichtermann and Vice President Lyndsie Daikhi will engage in a mock debate in which Sichtermann represents the views of Governor Daniels and Daikhi represents the views of former US Congresswoman Jill Long Thompson. This exciting event will be held on Wednesday October 29.

In an effort to be more visible on campus, the Student Government is planning to hold an open forum during the lunch hour at some time in November, and is discussing the possibility of holding several meetings at the Purdue Porter County campus next semester.

These events are still in the planning stages, and will be covered in greater detail in November's issue of The Voice. In the meantime, please feel free to come to any of the weekly SGA meetings or email the SGA at stugov@pnc.edu.

Banner implemented for spring registration

By Lyndsie Daikhi
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Registration for the spring 2009 semester is now underway and students will now be utilizing a new online registration system called Banner.

To access the Banner system to register for classes, students login to myPNC and access the link that says SSB (Self Service Banner). To login, students must utilize their current login and password. For those that need to have their password reset, they can contact the Information Services Department Help Desk at ext. 5511.

After reaching the main menu select student, then select registration, then select the term and click submit. After doing that, students must select add or drop class. To actually add a class, students must search for the class to find its CRN number and enter it on the registration worksheet.

Registration for graduating

seniors begins on October 27th, seniors and juniors will be able to register for classes starting October 28 and October 29, sophomores and freshmen will be able to register October 30 and October 31 and on November 3 registration will be open to all students. For seniors that will be graduating at the end of the semester, a separate question section regarding what degree they will be graduating must be completed.

There will be help sessions for Banner registration on Wednesday October 22 from 4-5pm in Schwarz 216 and Thursday October 23rd from 11:30-12:30 in Schwarz 216. For students who are unable to attend either session, they can contact their academic advisor, who will have step-by-step instruction sheets to hand out. The advisors will also be able to help students who have issues with the new system.

Campus police hold RAD self-defense program

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, October 1, PNC held the two hour Introduction to Self-Defense Awareness Course to the RAD program with Campus Police along with Dispatcher, RAD and SAFE Advanced Instructor of eight years, Sue Zahn.

The RAD and SAFE programs help women to lower their risk of exposure to violent crimes. The classes are not of a martial arts program, but the tactics taught help in the fight against assaults through self-defense.

Somewhere in America, women are assaulted nearly every two minutes, and about 68 percent of those attackers are assailants whom their victims knew. The SAFE program,

which is the Self-Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange, educates women with five basic skills to protect themselves from crime through non-strenuous physical training.

Originating from the Zen Masters, the ideas presented are to plan ahead and that mental and physical preparedness enables empowerment. Beyond that, the RAD program, Rape Aggression Defense, teaches beyond the basic skills for a total of thirty skills through nine hours of training.

The advanced RAD class offers fifty-two skills through twenty-two hours of training. As quoted from the SAFE video, "Crime does not discriminate; therefore, you must avoid and escape to survive because the responsibility of your safety

relies in your own hands."

Survival is the number one goal. Preplanning and practicing are the main ingredients that help a victim to survive when they are being attacked. 90 percent of self-defense is mental, while 10 percent is physical.

Most women are unaware of the strength they have because of the assumption that a majority of women rely on men for protection, but in a situation of attack, the fight or flight system comes into effect which means either defend yourself or run.

"You are your own best defense," said Zahn.

Those most subjected to rape are women who look vulnerable. If you are alert and confident, chances are an attacker will not approach you because

he wants power, and a confident woman will not provide that for him. If being attacked, the core areas to hit your attacker are: eyes, nose, chin, groin, fingers, and forearms. Yelling is one of the most effective tools when attacking for it adds power to your strike as well as startling the attacker.

The Campus Police are not a campus security program but are all trained police officers. Look to the officers for help in such situations as escorts to your car or buildings when in discomfort or fear, locking your keys in your car, need of air in your tires, need of gas to get home, a jumpstart to your car, and lost and found.

To contact the Campus Police, call (219) 785-5220. Red emergency phones are con-

nected directly to the Campus Police as well, and they are located as follows: All campus elevators, Schwarz Hall outside room 38, Library Student Faculty Building-main entrance by pay phones and basement hall by locker rooms, and Technology Building inside northeast doors. In addition, look to the CERT team in times of natural disaster crisis and campus lockdowns.

Their uniform consists of green jackets and packs in order to be easily identifiable.

The SAFE and RAD program are free to join and are available simply for your benefit. Take advantage of the programs for your safety is in your own hands.

Reads for the Halloween season

MGMT's single only good part of mediocre new album

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

MGMT, also known as Management, are an up and coming rock duo that has created a lot of stir in the indie rock community.

With their new album "Oracular Spectacular" and the single "Time to Pretend" climbing up the charts, a lot of people are starting to take notice. However, something is amiss and it might just cripple this band before they really get started.

The single "Time to Pretend" is a great genre blending song that has the pop charm of the Beach Boys and eerie folk sounds of Neutral Milk Hotel all mixed together with a little synthesizer hending. It is a very infectious little tune that has the annoying habit of getting stuck in the head with no intention of leaving.

It captures the imagination with music that reminds one of

the freedoms of summertime and lyrics that lament rock stardom and drug addiction.

That quality of song writing is something that is always what music fans are looking for. Unfortunately, it is not a fair representative of the entire album. The first track on Oracular is "Time to Pretend." After that, it is a steep dive into the land of no return as the band stops being psychedelic and just goes for all out "druggy." The main themes in the instrumentation sound like synthesizer presets gone amuck.

After the first track the band seemed to have given up on the music and just went for filler to make an album come out before they actually had something ready to be released. Although the single is almost an impeccably perfect summertime jam, the rest of the album is a depressing winter of uninspired music.

Montague Summers THE WEREWOLF IN LORE AND LEGEND



By Trilaina Siho
Staff Writer

With Halloween just around the corner, many people are looking for the perfect spine-chilling tale to keep them awake through the night.

Here are several must-haves to add to your reading list:

Bram Stoker's *Dracula* is a chilling tale of the legendary vampire and his reign of power in Transylvania and his quest for

power in Europe. Told as a series of letters and journal entries, the first person narrative makes the story hauntingly real.

The Werewolf in Lore and Legend by Montague Summers is a delight to horror enthusiasts and occultists everywhere. The book goes through accounts of historical documents and traditional folklore, sharing the differences between werewolfism and lycanthropy, human transformation, and has a philosophical approach to the ancient monster.

If you weren't afraid of clowns prior to reading this book, it by Stephen King will make sure you never hire another clown for a birthday party again. The book covers two times, childhood and adulthood, of seven people in Maine who discover the killer in a series of horrific murders. Not only do they encounter it once in their childhood, but again 27 years later when it begins again.

If darkness of the human psyche is more your flavor, Dr.

Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is a dark discovery of human nature. Originally written to be a "chilling shocker," Robert Louis Stevenson harned the original copy and rewrote it to be the tale we all know and wonder about. The tale of the kind scientist, Dr. Jekyll, who becomes his twisted, amoral alter ego, Mr. Hyde at night. It's a wonderful study of human nature, as well as a darkly twisted and horror-inspiring novel.

If life is already too terrifying for you, *The Zombie Survival Guide* by Saturday Night Live staff writer Brooks. Written as a parody of traditional survival guides, the son of Mel Brooks addresses surviving zombie attacks, attacks dating from 60,000 B.C. to 2002, plans for attack and defense, as well as guides to knowing weaponry, surroundings, and escape routes. This book is a must-have, if only in case zombies actually attack one day.

Long-standing band Elbow releases another successful album for ever loyal fans

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

After being together for eighteen years, there is not much room for a band to fail at being good. The band Elbow proves this with their latest album release *The Seldom Seen Kid*.

The band shows off their song writing abilities in full form with songs like "Grounds for divorce" and "The fix." The subtle Brit pop mixed with a dark atmosphere and bright pretty melodies. The band is able to make landscapes of sound that combine echoing vocals and instrumentation that sounds like a mix of old R&B, country blues, and psychedelic memories of the 60's.

The eleven tracks on *The Seldom Seen Kid* are all able to keep the same air of the album and continue in a smooth flowing fashion, almost like a stream of

consciousness that is poured out of the minds of dreaming storytelling musicians. The atmosphere of the album is one that seems to swell and mend, giving the album an ability to fall into the background and the foreground all at once without being too flashy, but having a humble elegance that builds the album into something that is noticeably listenable.

The band seems to have developed their sound in a laid and slowly formed it into a masterpiece of melodies and lyrics that are both deep and honest. *The Seldom Seen Kid* is an album that covers a lot of bases for the band in its complexity and beauty. The fans of this band are not going to be disappointed by this album, and those who discover them are not going to be very disappointed either.

Quarantine perfects "handheld" technique Horror film essentially 28 Days Later meets Cloverfield



By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

Ever since the Blair witch project, movies filmed on a handheld camera have captured the imagination. The basic idea of finding a tape and putting it into a VCR and watching the last hours of people is just fascinating. Well,

fast forward from 1999 to 2008, and now there are a lot of "handheld" movies that capture the audience with awe and terror.

A remake of the film [REC], it follows the same basic story line with only minor differences. In [REC], it was the virus that caused demonic possession that caused people to eat each other. In *Quarantine*, the virus is a mutated version of rabies that makes humans attack like, well, rabid animals. In essence, this film takes the zombie genre and throws in that truly human aspect of home movie shakiness.

The plot of the film is that a typical news crew is following the Los Angeles Fire Department on their usual routine at night. When they get a call from an apartment building about an elderly woman that is screaming in her apartment, they arrive and she is bloody confused and extremely

violent. After they manage to subdue her, the CDC locks down the apartments and everyone is trapped with the very fast screaming zombies.

In general, this movie is like a mixture of *28 Days Later* and *Cloverfield*, lots of shaky camera work and an odd sense of intimacy with the characters as they face insurmountable odds. Not only do things just leap out at random times to keep the audience on their toes but there is a lot of nasty gore to keep the squeamish groaning with the screams. Including a rat gets a little too close to the camera man to keep the violence fresh in light of the cliché cannibalism of the zombies. Rest assured, however, this is not a typical zombie movie, this film is great fun for the whole family.

Eagle Eye Review

By Amanda Christensen
Staff Writer

Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan star in this non-stop techno thriller as Jerry Shaw and Rachel Holloman, two average people who are thrown in to a situation completely out of their control.

They are playing for high stakes; her son's life and their own lives. From the very beginning, the movie takes the audiences attention shrouding their minds in intrigue.

Every new demand from the mystery woman's voice throws the two unlikely partners into a new challenging situation, even

to meet up with other stellar members of the cast including Billy Boh Thornton and Rosario Dawson.

The special effects were impressive as the two main characters were shot at, pursued in high speed car chases, and even nearly crashed into by a plane. While some critics labeled this movie as not worth the time to see it may not be the blockbuster of the year but it still is an interesting movie to watch. If you can't find the time to see it in theaters then I urge you to give it a try when it comes out on DVD. It really was a sight to see.

Inkubus Sukkubus festive Halloween music for fans



By Trilaina Siho
Staff Writer

Keeping with the Halloween theme, gothic rock band Inkubus Sukkubus are great for the season. The band focuses on pagan themes and mystical references, which is perfect for background music seasonal parties. The songs are great once out of the year, but listening to them constantly is a little wearing.

The style ranges from Sisters of Mercy to Rolling Stones, while

still staying true to themselves. The songs themselves range from a cappella chants to driving rock beats.

The band was founded in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, in the United Kingdom in the late 80s, while their first album was recorded in 1992. The four person band now has ten albums out, is currently touring Hungary, and has over 145 songs available for download on Amazon.com, including Vampyres, Samhain, and Gypsy Lament.

More information on the band is available at their website www.inkuhussukkubus.com, as well as discography, tour information, lyrics, and items.

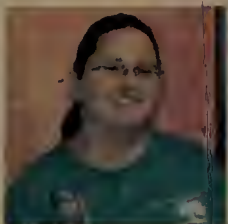
The Voice's Question of the Month

IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE TO BE ABLE TO FLY OR BECOME INVISIBLE AS A SUPER POWER, WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHY?



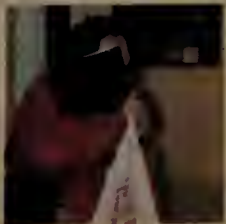
"You have to think about this a little bit. If you were invisible you could sneak around. I probably would prefer to fly, because think of the money I could save on gas. I could travel more because I could fly myself. I would prefer fly." -Mary Ann Midlar

"Fly. Being invisible would be immoral, but flying would give you a feeling of freedom, just freedom. Every chance I get I'm jumping off something." -Tom Glowacki



"I'll say invisible. I could be there to stop people from robbing banks. I'm just watching you." -Michele Gondeck

"I would say fly, because as busy as I am on campus, it would save time." -Cari Stambaugh



Sports

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PNC Panther volleyball records history on consecutive nights



By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

The Purdue North Central volleyball team defeated Cardinal Stritch University last Tuesday and Calumet College of St. Joseph the following night, to capture their first two victories ever in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The Panthers are in their first year of conference play in the CCAC. They began their campaign to stardom last year, competing as independents in their first year or intercollegiate ball since rising from club status. Backed by head coach John Higgins, the Panthers have shattered last year's record of 3-26, surging to 15-18 overall

on the year and 2-5 in conference play.

Both conference wins came at home this previous week for the Panthers. In Tuesday night's win to Cardinal Stritch, PNC dropped the first game 23-25 but muscled their way through the next three, taking them all by the scores of 25-22, 25-19 and 25-20, to win the match. Lindsey Anderson led the way with 16 kills, 10 digs and two Aces. Ashley Gallant followed with 14 kills and four blocks, Sara Ward contributed 10 kills, 17 digs and five aces, and Alyssa Davis set up the Panther's stellar offense with 40 assists and two aces.

On the following night, the Panthers continued their march towards history and spoiled Calumet College's wubid to win their first conference game of the year. Powered by Gallant, the Panthers took their second straight conference victory. She had 10 kills, and Anderson added six, along with five digs and four aces. Ward tallied six kills as well and collected three aces, with setter Alyssa Davis again setting the stage with her 23 assists.

The Panther's next home game takes place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22 against Manchester College. All home games are played at Marquette High School in the Scholl Center in Michigan City, IN.

Farewell to "The House That Ruth Built"

Legendary assortment gather to say goodbye to Yankee Stadium



By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

On Sept. 21, at the venue in the Bronx, in front of a sellout crowd of 54,610, fans everywhere witnessed an ending of an era, the last game to ever be played at Yankee Stadium. Yankee legends, past and present, gathered on hand for a pre-game farewell celebration that included Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford, Reggie Jackson and Goose Gosage.

The 85 year old Yankee Stadium is the self proclaimed 'Mecca of ballparks' states New York Post writer George King, and "the epicenter of the sports world" as ESPN analyst, Peter Gammons describes it. Yankee Stadium has played home to more history than any other stadium ever build has witnessed. It is baseball's heaven and is loved all over the world. Opened in 1923, this house of history has witnessed World Championships in every decade but the 80's. And, of the 84 World Series played since the stadium opened its gates, 37 of them have been played here, and 26 won by none other than the Yankees themselves. This is where Babe Ruth bit his 60th home run, and where Gehrig made his "Luckiest Man Alive" speech. Yankee Stadium is also home to Roger Maris's 61st, a home run record that not only defeated "The Babe's" but also ensured that the single season home run record resided in New York for 65 years following it. This museum witnessed the auras of Don Larsen's perfect game in

the fifth game of the 1956 World Series, Chris Chambliss and his home run to win the '76 pennant, Reggie Jackson's three home runs in the '77 World Series and Aaron Boone's walk off home run to win the 2003 American League Pennant.

Yankee Stadium has played host to four MLB All-Star games, and inspired some of baseball's best movies in "Pride of the Yankees" and "61", but this cathedral also has welcomed a number of other historic events. "The House That Ruth Built" has had three Papal visits over the years. The first, by Pope Paul VI in October of 1965, then by Pope John Paul II in October of 1979, and most recently Pope Benedict XVI on April 20 of this year. "The Stadium" also served as the stage for what is known as The Greatest Game Ever Played. The playing field for the 1958 NFL Championship game between the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants that saw football's first ever sudden death overtime. Boxing legend Muhammad Ali also defeated Ken Norton here in 1976, and a wide-variety of concerts have played at Yankee Stadium throughout the years as well, most notably Billy Joel and his signature song "Piano Man". And, in 2001, this is where George Bush made his memorable march to the mound to throw out the first pitch, weeks following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Putting this last game at Yankee Stadium into perspective

was bard for Yankee great Goose Gosage.

"The finality of it is scary, something I can't comprehend. There are no words. Yankee tradition is greater than anything, words can't describe it. You hear about Red Sox Nation, let me tell you, they're Little Leaguers compared to Yankees Nation."

They say if you watch closely enough, late on an October night during a game at Yankee Stadium, that the ghosts of legends past often show up to baunt the opposing team and send the Yankees to victory. This year however, marks the first time in over a decade that the Yankees will not be playing in October. But, as the Yankees took the field, one last time at home, this did not stop the Yankee mystique from showing up and appearing from within the roar of the thunderous crowd, insuring a Yankee victory was in order for its last game ever at this beloved shrine.

The New York Yankees defeated the Baltimore Orioles by the score of 7-3 on this night, just as Ruth, Gehrig, Dimaggio and Mantle would have wanted. Catcher Jose Molina hit the last ever home run at "The Stadium", finally answering Ruth's question of who would be the last, after he himself became the first to homer here. And, even though the Yanks have failed to make it to the post-season this year, this particular game felt as if it were taken right from one of the team's World Series victories. Yankee starter Andy Pettitte recorded the win, and coming on to close, Yankee closer Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth to record the last and final outs played at Yankee Stadium, a scene that nostalgic Yankee fans have come all too accustomed to witnessing throughout years.

Seasons end, records fall, dynasties come and go. Yankee Stadium, a testament to all of this, is just the last phase of this cycle, but when the wrecking ball is finally taken to this old majestic great, the walls will surely scream (with all of its history), and even the ghosts will cry, for there is only one Yankee Stadium.

2008 World Series: New scene on the big stage

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

This year's fall classic will add a much needed change to America's National Past Time. For the first time in nearly a decade there will be no New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox or Atlanta Braves matching up and facing off in the World Series. These teams, rich in playoff history, will be all sitting at home watching, as the first pitch is thrown out in this year's deciding series. Instead, two new and emerging teams will battle it out for baseball's crown, the Tampa Bay Rays and the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Rays, a young team with a payroll hovering around \$40 million, have been underdogs from the very beginning. Competing in the American League East, one of the strongest divisions in all of baseball, and home to rival kings of the throne, Yankees and Red Sox, the Rays saw themselves go from worst to first in a year's time. The Rays finished dead last in 2007, but took first in the East this year, finishing with a 97-65 record. Their steady play all year long and reluctance to use inexperience as an excuse to fail, has fueled this team, a team that can only be fully appreciated by a young and hungry core of players. With their speed, defense, quality pitching, timely hitting and a coach with a knack for small ball, the Rays not only fended off the heavy-weight champs of the AL East, but now find themselves going to the World Series for the very first time in their 10 year history as an MLB franchise.

The "Baby" Rays, as they have been nicknamed around the league, began the first round of the playoffs (ALDS) against the Chicago White Sox, cruising to victory in four games and taking the series three games to one. In the American League Championship Series (ALCS) the Rays took on their division rival, and defending World Series Champions' in the Boston Red Sox, and again fended them off and sent them packing as they advanced further into the October night and set their destination towards the final series of the year.

The Philadelphia Phillies, their formidable foe in this year's fall classic, have followed down a similar path this October, but

unlike the Rays, clinched the playoffs last year, after winning their division. What does make them unique however, is the fact that before 2007, the Phillies had not made the Playoffs since 1993. This also marked the last time that Philadelphia also made it to the World Series, a series in which they were eliminated by the Toronto Blue Jays in six games, giving the Jays their second consecutive World Series title, and making them the last team to do so since the '78-'79 Yankees at that time. So with 1993 aside, the Phillies lone, one and only World Series title before then, came in 1980. For them, it has been 28 long years since winning their first, as they now look forward to getting a chance to win a second.

This year, like the last, the Phillies won their division, the National League East, with a record of 92-70. However, unlike Tampa's AL East, the Phillies found themselves competing in a division of mediocrity amongst three of the NL East's top teams all year long, and really didn't start to mesh. Much like their American League counterparts, they have cruised through the NLDS and NLCS and have made quick work of their competition. In the Division Series, the Phils' defeated the Milwaukee Brewers in four games and then went on to win the Championship Series against Joe Torre's Los Angeles Dodgers, which featured a bot-biting Manny Ramirez. Ramirez single-handedly wreaked havoc on the Chicago Cubs in the prior division series, and continued his heavy hitting against the Phils', but all to no avail against a seemingly unfazed Philadelphia team, as they finished them off in five games, and prepare for a World Series Match-up against the Tampa Bay Rays.

For the first time in a long time, the 2008 World Series will not only be a showdown between two of Major League's most exciting teams, but also a showdown which bares a message to all that watch, a changing of the guard if you will. The clear-cut message underlying that payroll, large contracts and the best free agents no longer win the World Series, but that youth, talented homegrown, hard-nosed players, with the hungry mind-set of win or go home does and is, the new genre of Major League Baseball

5th annual 5K-10K run/walk

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, Purdue University North Central is having its 5th Annual Panther Pounce 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run. This event will take place here on campus and the pre-race deadline is Oct. 24. Race-Day Registration and pick-up begins at 7:30 a.m. in LSF. At 9 a.m. the 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run (Gold Cup Series Race for 5K only) gets under way, and is followed with an Awards Ceremony for 5K at 10 a.m. The 10K ceremony and awards will take place upon completion.

Interested? The entry fee is \$20 and if you pre-register by Oct. 24, it includes an event t-shirt. Tie-dying will be available again this year! Those registering on the day of the race, t-shirts are not included.

Groups of five or more runners or walkers and families of three or more pre-registering together, get a discounted rate of \$15, t-shirt included, if pre-registering deadline is met. Members of the Calumet Region Striders will also receive \$1 off their entry fee.

The course form is a mixed Cross Country terrain, and running spikes are not recommend-

ed. Medallions will be awarded to the top three male and female winners in each age group. Trophies will also be awarded to the top male and female in the following divisions: overall, Masters and Walkers. Race result splits will be given at the 1st and 2nd mile markers with water available at 1.5 miles.

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Barack Obama

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An In-Depth Examination of the Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama's family

Barack Hussein Obama Jr. was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Obama's father was born in the Nyanza Province of Kenya. His father grew up herding goats.

Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, was born in Wichita, Kansas. Dunham's father worked on oil rigs during the Depression. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dunham's father joined the service and marched across Europe. Dunham's mother went to work on a bomber assembly line. After the war was over, Dunham's parents bought a house through the Federal Housing Program in Hawaii.

In the meantime, Barack's father had won a scholarship that allowed him to leave Kenya to pursue his education in Hawaii. Obama's parents met when they were students at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii. Obama's parents were separated when he was two years old and they were later divorced. Obama's father went on to continue his Ph.D. studies at

Harvard. After he completed his studies, he returned to Kenya.

In 1967, Obama moved to Jakarta, Indonesia with his mother and her new husband, Lolo Soetoro. Obama attended schools in Indonesia until he was ten. Then Obama returned to live with his maternal grandparents in Hawaii.

After high school, Obama studied at Occidental College in Los Angeles for two years. He then transferred to Columbia University in New York, graduating in 1983 with a degree in political science. Obama then went on to law school at Harvard.

In 1989, Michelle Robinson was working at a downtown law firm and assigned the role of advisor to a summer associate from Harvard, Barack Obama.

On October 18, 1992 Michelle and Barack married at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Obama has two daughters Malia, born in 1999 and Natasha, born in 2001.



Vice-Presidential Candidate Joe Biden

Despite a 1988 campaign speech being plagiarized, Joseph Biden has gone on to be the vice-presidential running mate for Barack Obama. Joe Biden was the first of four children born on November 26, 1942 to his parents Joseph and Catherine in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Biden lived in Pennsylvania until he was 10 and then his entire family moved to New Castle County, Delaware.

Despite struggling with a stuttering problem, Biden received his bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware in 1965 and a law degree from Syracuse University in 1968.

After completing law school Biden returned to Delaware to practice law as a trial lawyer and public defender. Also at this time, Biden was on the New Castle county council from 1970 to 1972.

In 1972, Biden was elected to the US Senate at the age of 29, which made him the fourth youngest person ever

elected. Biden has continued to win reelection five times with at least 58 percent of the vote making him the longest serving senator Delaware has ever had.

Biden's first wife Neilia died along with his young daughter Naomi shortly after he was elected to the senate for the first time. In the same accident Biden's sons Joseph III and Robert were seriously injured, but later recovered.

In 1977, Biden married Jill Tracy Jacobs and they have one daughter named Ashley. Biden now has 5 grandchildren.

In the senate, Biden has been focused on foreign relations, criminal justice and drug policy. Biden was outspoken on the issues related to the Kosovo conflict in the 1990's, when he urged the US to take action against Serbian forces. Biden also voted for the final resolution that authorized the invasion into Iraq.

Biden was also a member of the International Narcotics

Control Caucus and was the lead senator in writing the law that established the office of Drug Czar, a position that oversees the national drug-control policy.

However, Biden's crowning glory is his Violence Against Women Act. He says that since this bill was passed in 1994, violence against women has dropped almost 50 percent.

Also during his tenure in the senate, Biden has voted against partial birth abortion and he has also opposed public funding for abortion. However, Biden supports federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

While in the senate, Biden has served on many committees including: the Judiciary Committee (1987-1995), the Foreign Relations Committee (twice chair since 1975), the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (1995-1997) and the Committee on Indian Affairs (2005-2007).

Obama's foreign policy

Barack Obama claims to have better understanding of foreign cultures, because he grew up in Indonesia, which he believes will help him to better deal with the issues that may arise.

Obama has promised to keep the lines of communication open with American enemies. Obama opposes the war in Iraq, but has a solution to end it which involves a regional conference that with Syria and Iran which he calls the ultimate Iraq solution.

Since Iran has sought nuclear weapons, supports militias inside Iraq and terror across the region, and its leaders have threatened Israel numerous times. Obama believes that we still have a chance at solving these problems through non-military options like sanctions.

Obama also supports direct presidential diplomacy with Iran without preconditions. He believes now is the time to pressure Iran directly to change their behavior. If Iran were to abandon its nuclear program, Obama would offer incentives like membership in the World Trade Organization and he would also offer the chance at economic investments. However, if Iran continues in its ways, then Obama will step up the economic pressure and political isolation.

Obama has also been involved through the Senate to fight nuclear proliferation, which he will continue if he is

elected president.

Obama believes that we have become trapped by the Bush-Cheney approach to diplomacy when we refuse to talk to leaders that we do not like. Obama believes that not talking does not make us look tough, but it makes us look arrogant. He also believes that it denies us opportunities to make progress and not talking to leaders that we do not like, and it makes it harder for America to rally international support.

Obama has been a proponent of energy independence stating in a 2003 speech, "The issue of climate change is one that we ignore at our own peril. There may still be disputes about exactly how much we're contributing to the warming of the earth's atmosphere and how much is naturally occurring, but what we can be scientifically certain of is that our continued use of fossil fuels is pushing us to a point of no return. And unless we free ourselves from a dependence on these fossil fuels and chart a new course on energy in this country, we are condemning future generations to global catastrophe."

Obama plans to bring foreign policy decisions directly to the people by requiring his national security officials to have periodic national broadband town hall meetings to discuss foreign policy. Obama plans to deliver occasional fireside chats via webcast.

Barack Obama's policy on taxation

One of the major issues that have been discussed in the upcoming election is tax policy. According to Barack Obama's campaign website, Obama's plan "delivers broad-based tax relief to middle class families and cuts taxes for small businesses and companies that create jobs in America, while restoring fairness to our tax code and returning fiscal responsibility."

There are several promises made by Obama for tax cuts, changing the tax code and restoring fiscal responsibility.

Obama plans to cut taxes for 95 percent of working families with a tax cut of \$500 for workers or \$1,000 for working couples. Obama defines "working families" as no family making less than \$250,000.

Obama also promises a refundable \$4,000 tax credit to ensure that college is affordable for all families. This credit will cover 100 percent of the first \$4,000 of qualified tuition expenses which would make community colleges essentially free and covering about 2/3 of the cost of public four year colleges.

Barack Obama also plans to provide a 10 percent refundable credit to offset mortgage

interest payments and make owning a home more affordable to lower income families. His plan for this universal credit will provide and average tax cut of \$500 to about 10 million homeowners.

Obama's tax policy plan would also eliminate income taxes on seniors making less than \$50,000. This would eliminate the burden of paying taxes and filing an income tax return for more than 27 million seniors.

To increase retirement security, Barack Obama also plans to ensure that of saving for retirement through automatic pension accounts. Obama also plans to expand the existing Savers Credit to match 50 percent of the first \$1,000 of savings for families that earn under \$75,000.

Another component of Obama's tax policy includes health care tax credit. His health plan centers on tax credits that will ensure that health insurance is available and affordable for all families.

Obama also wants to increase the number of working parents eligible for Earned Income Tax Credits.

Obama also wants to reform the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit by

making it refundable and allowing low-income families to receive up to a 50 percent credit on the first \$6,000 of child care expenses.

Obama also plans to use tax reform to help small businesses to encourage job creation by directly cutting taxes for small businesses for firms that invest and create jobs in the US.

To achieve this goal, Obama plans on eradicating capital gains taxes on investments in small businesses and firms. Also Obama plans on cutting corporate tax rates for firms that create jobs in America.

To achieve his goal of restoring fiscal responsibility, Obama plans on cutting spending all around. Obama plans to specifically cut spending by ending the war in Iraq, limiting payments to high-income farmers, cutting subsidies for private plans in Medicare, reforming student loans, cutting earmarks to at least the level they were in 1994, ending no-bidding contracts, and phasing out unnecessary and duplicative programs. Obama supports pay-as-you-go budget rules and a constitutionally acceptable line-item veto to cut pork barrel spending.

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John McCain

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An In-Depth Examination of the Republican Presidential Candidate



McCain's life story

Born on August 29, 1936 John McCain III is the son and grandson of highly decorated Navy Admirals. There was never any question that McCain would follow his father's and grandfather's footsteps and enter the Navy. This experience has dramatically altered McCain's life and his worldview.

His service in the US Navy has been well documented during the election season. When his plane was shot down over North Vietnam on October 26, 1967, McCain was captured by North Vietnamese forces. He was to spend the next five and a half years as a POW in the infamous Hanoi Hilton. During this time, McCain was often tortured, especially after he refused early release. Perhaps the most vivid description of McCain's ordeal came from his friend Fred Thompson at the GOP convention in early September.

As Thompson put it, "When John ejected, part of the plane hit him -- breaking his right knee, his left arm, his right arm in three places. An angry mob got to him. A rifle butt broke his shoulder. A bayonet pierced his ankle and his groin. They took him to the Hanoi Hilton, where he lapsed in and out of consciousness for days. He was offered medical care for his injuries if he would give up military information in return. John McCain said 'No'. After days of neglect, covered in grime, lying in his own waste in a filthy room, a doctor attempted to set John's right arm without success... and without anesthesia.

His other broken bones and injuries were not treated. John developed a high fever,

dysentery. He weighed barely a hundred pounds."

After being released, McCain came back to the United States and served in the Navy until 1981. During that time, he commanded the largest naval squadron in the Pacific Ocean. After leaving the service in the 1980s, he entered politics. After serving two terms in the House of Representatives, he was elected to the Senate in 1986.

While in the Senate, McCain has constantly worked with members of the other party on such diverse issues as campaign finance reform and the confirmation of federal judges. During this time, he has earned the distinction of being a maverick within his own party because he has often broken with the party establishment. He has also made the fight against pork-barrel spending the hallmark of his career, vowing time and again during the presidential campaign to "veto every earmark and pork-barrel project that comes across my desk."

His long Senate career has not been without controversy, however. In 1987, McCain was linked to the Keating Five scandal. McCain attended several meetings involving the Lincoln Savings and Loan Company owned by Charles Keating. Keating was under investigation for improper dealings, and it was widely believed that the Keating Five gave him lenient treatment. McCain was later absolved of any wrongdoing and many observers feel the investigation into his actions was merely political: he was the only Republican to be investigated, with the other four men all being Democrats.

McCain's Foreign Policy

When this election cycle began nearly two years ago, it appeared as though foreign policy would be the defining issue. Nearly twenty months later, with the economy sagging, the issue of foreign policy has greatly receded, but it is still very important.

Senator McCain has decades of foreign policy experience, beginning during his days as a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War, and also during his days as the commander of the largest naval squadron in the Pacific Ocean.

In debates and speeches he is always quick to point out that he was the one who first advocated the surge and was the first Republican to break with his party and criticize Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. McCain has visited Iraq eight times since the war started, and as he says he went "seeking facts not publicity." He has also consistently reminded Americans of the dangers of a early withdrawal from Iraq.

McCain also doggedly defends free-trade, even in front of protectionist crowds. This is an important point with today's economy. It is important to remember what high tariffs have done in troubling economic times in the past. Pundits and politicians seem to point out each day that "this is the worst economic condition

since the Great Depression." If that is true, it is crucial to not make the same mistakes as were made at that time. For instance, at the start of the Great Depression, President Hoover passed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff which essentially exported the depression around the world because foreign trade stopped. If free trade were halted, and NAFTA was "unilaterally renegotiated" like Senator Obama wants, similar economic disaster could result.

Each of these positions has been well documented, but his most novel idea has hardly been addressed in the media. In the Journal of Foreign Affairs and in the second presidential debate he advocates the creation of a League of Democracies which would consist of like-minded nations working together for peace and liberty and would act when the UN fails. This organization would step in and deal with issues such as the conflict in Darfur, combating AIDS in Africa, addressing environmental crises, and other initiatives. This would be needed, McCain says, because such non-democratic nations like China and Russia can block any action in the United Nations Security Council.

The next president will have to deal with these issues.

Vice-Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin

The day after Barack Obama accepted the Democratic nomination in Denver, CO, Senator John McCain announced his running mate. The timing was meant to steal the headlines from his presidential rival, and the strategy succeeded.

The day before the much anticipated announcement, the media reported that all of the top contenders were racing to meet John McCain in Dayton, OH. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney was seen running through an airport, bag in hand. Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty canceled his entire schedule for the following day. Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee was seen boarding a plane bound for Ohio. Speculation swirled around which of these men would be chosen.

In the end it was none of the above. McCain decided to do the unconventional and go with Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The McCain campaign was more than happy to let the media speculate about which man would be chosen while

Palin secretly arrived in the middle of the night.

The announcement caught the media, and indeed the country, completely off guard and stole all the attention from Senator Obama. While many Republicans were initially pleased with the pick, many in the country did not know what to think of the little known governor.

Palin is the first ever Republican female VP nominee. Her political career began in 1992 when she became a member of the Wasilla, AK city council. In 1996 she was elected mayor of the same city. In 2004 she earned notoriety as a reformer when she broke with the Alaskan Republican Party and took on state party leaders over ethical issues. In 2006 she was elected Alaskan Governor.

She continued to further her reformer reputation when she took on corruption at the state level. She famously put the party's private jet on e-Bay and took on oil companies by proposing to build a new natural gas pipeline. In 2007, she was the subject of ethics investigations relating to the firing of her ex-brother-in-law, an Alaskan state trooper. It was later revealed that the man was fired for using a Taser his 10 year old son.

Governor Palin is also a mother of five children. Her oldest son is currently serving in Iraq, and her youngest son was born five months ago with Downs Syndrome. She also has three daughters. Her husband is a member of the United Steel Workers and is a champion snow machine racer. Governor Palin and her family have been members of the Assembly of God Church for many years.

All of this information is important to perspective voters. Perhaps the most interesting, if not most important, fact surrounding Governor Palin was pointed out by former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson at the Republican National Convention: "She is the only nominee in the history of either party who knows how to field dress a moose, with the possible exception of Teddy Roosevelt!"

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John McCain's Policy on Taxation

This election offers two candidates with drastically different policy plans, but the issue of taxes offers perhaps the greatest difference. Senator Obama has warned that as president, Senator McCain would enact harmful tax policies. Obama has also constantly chided McCain for wanting to extend the Bush Tax Cuts because they help the rich at the expense of the poor. How accurate are these attacks?

Senator McCain's tax plan includes a proposal to reduce the corporate tax rate from 35% to 25%. McCain justifies this because the United States has the second highest corporate tax rate in the world, behind only Japan. The high tax rates make it more difficult for American corporations to compete with foreign rivals that can pay lower tax rates. McCain argues that a lower tax rate would make American corporations more competitive in global markets, and keep jobs in the United States.

In addition to reducing the corporate tax rate, McCain wants to establish a permanent tax credit equal to 10 percent

of wages spent on research and development. This proposal was first laid out early in the primary election cycle, but it is even more relevant today given the perilous state of the economy. In past economic downturns, corporations have had a tendency to stop investing in new technologies. This in turn causes the recession or depression to become worse because innovation and R&D can help spur the economy. By offering an incentive for businesses to innovate in the form of a tax credit, McCain is actually proposing a measure that would help lessen the economic downturn.

Senator Obama has often chided McCain's desire to make the Bush Tax Cuts permanent. He reminds voters at rallies that McCain originally opposed the tax cuts but now supports them. McCain fires back that he opposed them in 2001 because he had his own tax cut plan which he thought was superior, but now supports them because repealing them would amount to a tax cut. As he pointed out in a recent debate, "the last President to raise taxes during an economic

downturn was Herbert Hoover."

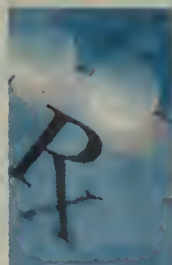
A repeal of the Bush Tax Cuts would be eerily similar to what President Hoover did at the start of the Great Depression. At that time, Hoover repealed the tax cuts put in place under the Coolidge Administration. These tax cuts, known as the Mellon Tax Cuts after Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon, were criticized for benefiting primarily the rich—the same criticism leveled at the Bush Tax Cuts. When the Mellon Tax Plan was repealed, the economy worsened because the rich had less money to invest.

This money could have been invested in different areas of the economy and spurred development and innovation. It is likely that if the Bush Tax Cuts are repealed, the same negative unintended consequences will result.

While both candidates promise tax cuts, those cuts must be evaluated carefully to find their true effects on this unstable economy.



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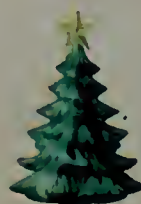
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Annual tree-lighting ceremony successful

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

On Monday Dec. 1, PNC kicked off the Christmas season with their annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

A total of nine committees, groups and clubs on campus participated in the event and decorated their own trees. Each club designed a distinctive tree in hopes of claiming the award for being most creative.

Amongst the groups participating were SGA, F.A.C.E., DLG, the Voice, SEA and the Construction Club. Along with these a tenth tree was added as a collective Campus Tree.

This was displayed for



students to hang their most memorable or defining moments they had experienced here at PNC. Though cold and blistering, this snowy day didn't prevent students from bundling up and trudging out to decorate and participate. Sparking fun and engaging in isolated snowball fights, all trees were accounted and decorated for by the 4 p.m. judging.

Vice-Chancellor Larry Barrett and Professor Barb Austin were two of the judges present before the small crowd of spectators who gathered to watch the official lighting. Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach, John Weber, was also on hand with his young daughter Hope, who did the actual lighting. SEA was awarded second place in the tree decorating contest, while this year's first place award went to the

Construction Club.

Unlike the other eight trees decorated by other committees, groups and clubs, Construction Club created their own "tree" from scratch right from wood.

As they wheeled it out and put it on display in front of the rest of the trees, the creativity and hard work was instantly recognized and relatively unmatched against all the others. The decision was unanimous and the recognition well deserved. Following this ceremony students, faculty and staff gathered inside LSF room 144 for cookies, coffee, hot cocoa, and Christmas carols to properly commence the countdown

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PNC's newest team "player" finally makes debut

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

This fall, new "player" emerged on to the scene, in Purdue University North Central's very own line-up, a team "player", so-to-speak. For the first time in the history of athletics, the university unveiled its very own PNC Panther Bus.

"It was a project we have been working on for a long time," said Athletic Director John Weber. Up until this

point, all of the athletic programs on campus relied upon a fleet of small mini-vans, to escort them to and from their games.

This, as one could imagine, was a "cramp" in their styles, in more ways than one. Usually three to four vans were jockeyed back and forth, holding up to six athletes per vehicle, and crowding-in became the usual close-quarter method of travel for these athletes,

regardless of distance. Adding to the conflict, these vans were driven by unprofessional drivers and more times than not, cell-phones became the ways and means of figuring out directions, do to rampant separation of these vehicles. Ultimately, the daunting task of keeping all the vans in sync and together, not to mention safe, became an overly concerning topic, safety, the number one issue. With the

unveiling of this new bus, PNC's traveling issues now look to be in the rear view mirror.

This bus will now be utilized by all athletic programs: baseball, basketball, softball and volleyball, and add a sense of pride that was missing before. Players and coaches will now also be driven by a professional driver, decreasing and hopefully eliminating the risk of an accident. The presence of

this bus on the roadways will also be a means of advertising, helping PNC to grow and prosper as our university continues to trek down this path of achievement through these very steps of building and expansion. Having one bus for an entire team will also help to promote good team chemistry, better game preparation, and provide better travel for players, coaches and trainers.

PNC Students share Life Skills with area youngsters

By Carol Connelly
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A group of Purdue University North Central students recently had a unique opportunity to work with area elementary school students and their parents to help encourage reading and literacy.

All students are future teachers in the PNC Education program and most are nearing commencement. Each was thrilled to have the opportunity to work with elementary students.

They took part in the Michigan City-Area Schools Family Literacy Event. As parents attended for their parent-teacher conference, their child visited with the PNC students to participate

in fun learning activities. Parents also picked up pamphlets with tips on encouraging literacy and received a free book for their child.

The literacy activities were built around the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial celebration and each PNC student visiting the schools created a presentation board featuring a life skill presented in various Abraham Lincoln children's books. The PNC students then built activities for children around these essential skills for children, such as cooperation, integrity, courage and problem solving.

Becky Vaughn, of LaPorte, taught her youngsters about perseverance. While Lincoln displayed his perseverance through walking far distances simply to

borrow a book, she explained she showed today's students that they exhibited perseverance by learning to ride a bike or by mastering a musical instrument.

"At first the children didn't think they had any of these life skills, but by talking with them, we helped them understand that they have all of these important skills," she explained.

Sarah Briggs, of Michigan City, said it was equally important for them to connect with the parents.

"The parents are role models. If the parents read with their children and model certain behaviors, then the children will pick that up," she said.

Christina Jamison, of Valparaiso, took on the subject of bullying. The book at

the center of her presentation had a character who was tall, gangly and uncoordinated, just like Lincoln. He was a target of bullies.

"Most of the kids didn't think that Lincoln could possibly be bullied, but he was," she said. The lesson, she said, was two-fold. It was not only meant to discourage bullying by asking youngsters to look inside the person who is slightly different from them, but it also reinforced that everyone has special qualities and the ability to accomplish great things.

"I gave each student a mirror and asked them to tell me something good about themselves," she said. "We encouraged positive behaviors by asking students to recognize how they felt when someone exhibit-

ed negative behavior. They agreed they did not like that feeling and didn't want anyone else to have those same feelings."

Amanda Roe, of LaPorte, noted that parents were eager to take home informational pamphlets the students had prepared about literacy.

One exercise she recommended was cutting letters out of the newspaper for students to form words and phrases.

"We want to reinforce that parents do not need to buy expensive things to help their child's reading ability," she said. "Reading the back of a cereal box, cutting letters or words from newspapers or magazines, all reinforce literacy."

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Commentary

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Breaking up with George W. Bush *Am I ready for a new man--erm, President?*



By Jessica Ring
Design Editor

President George W. Bush took office when I was in ninth grade. The beginning of high school. One of the biggest transitory periods of one's life.

I cannot reasonably speak for everyone, but I'm fairly certain that the extensive world of Washington was the least of concerns for the average student deep within the realm of public high school. After all, we didn't even have Government class until senior year.

People were happy that the cowboy won, a "man you could have a beer with," or ruing the fact that Al Gore won the popular vote. The latter were quickly shushed when the 9/11 attacks rattled the entire country and left us paralyzed. However, life eventually went on.

For each of the events marked as significant in my teenage to adult life, Bush and his wacky, if not completely terrifying, antics were always

in the background, somewhere.

When I was throwing paper wads during ISTEP testing, Bush addressing the terrorist attacks.

When I was receiving my Honors diploma from high school, he had just finished throwing a tremendously expensive inauguration party after beating out John Kerry.

When I acquired my first job selling cameras at a major electronics store, he was always on the television, defending his expense budget or attempting to give shoulder massages to the Chancellor of Germany.

When I traveled to Ireland, European tourists frowned upon us with a special animosity that only seven years of watching America brazenly disregard the U.N. could create.

Thanks to my job in the coffee shop, I saw every press conference, every report on Gitmo, and the few State of the Union addresses.

He was there, somewhere, as thousands of college students drank themselves silly knowing that they had avoided "four more years of him."

As I grew from a cocky teenager concerned only with shopping and going to shows to a studious college student, (and perhaps regressing to the cocky teenager now that I'm quickly approaching graduation,) Bush has grown too. He has gone from a cocky cowboy ready to kick the world's ass to the most hated man on the planet. He has watched his popularity ratings soar and plummet, and people both domestically and internationally regard him with a special sort of loathing.

In a way, as much as I hate to say it, we've grown up together. His hair has grayed, he's aged noticeably, and he's lost some friends. I've changed too, am in my twenties (an age I loathed at fourteen), and am about to receive a Bachelor's degree.

I didn't choose Bush, and I couldn't vote against him. We were stuck together, President and citizen, through high school and college.

So, who's this new guy? Barack Obama.

This time, I did choose who this new guy in my life will be. Obama will follow me to graduate school and beyond. Obama will be with me at the beginning of my adult life. He may very well see me through an apartment, a mortgage, an electric bill, and some future trips abroad.

Here's hoping our relationship will be less dysfunctional than my last one, Barack.

Call me.

Holidays gone ugly Human life not expendable



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

'Twas the season of holidays, of family gatherings and fun, but what has the world come to when someone working gets killed by an angry mob?

From my experience of working at the Lighthouse Mall, I know that Black Friday mobs can be bit overwhelming to say the least. However, I was still completely shocked and appalled that a group of people would trample someone while rushing into Wal-Mart and have no regard for human life.

I was even sicker when I saw interview responses from some of the people who were shopping who seemed disappointed that the store was closed and they were unable to shop because the police were investigating the death. This completely boggled my mind. Again I ask, what has our world come to?

I do not however, blame this sad story on the shoppers alone. No, not at all, I also blame the stores themselves. In our tough economy, corporations have played to the fact that people need to find ways to save money in any way that they can. Three years ago the Lighthouse Mall began opening the day after Thanksgiving at midnight to entice more cus-

tomers to spend money at the shops. I have long wondered what would possess someone to shop at midnight. Although the deals are ever so slightly better at midnight, it is the stores and corporations that have created this intense sense of urgency.

At the same Wal-Mart where the worker was killed a pregnant shopper was knocked down by fellow shoppers and lost her unborn child as a result. Great, we not only have no regard for the living but we also have no regard for the unborn.

And recently I saw an even more disgusting development to the Wal-Mart worker who was killed story. His family is filing a lawsuit against Wal-Mart. I am not one for benefiting from someone else's death. I just do not get it. Instead of mourning his unfortunate death his family is trying to find ways to profit.

I know what you must be thinking. Why am I the, usually cheerful and optimistic editor of The Voice, suddenly so pessimistic? I guess that you could say that the holidays do it to me. It is not because I do not like the holidays, I just do not like how commercialized that they have become.

You also may be thinking that I am the Grinch reincarnated, and I am sorry to rain on your holiday parade, but I value human life more than shopping for gifts. The holidays were not meant for getting the most gifts but rather spending time with family and friends.

Corruption and Illinois politicians

By Jon Sichtermann
Website Editor

What's up with those Illinois politicians? There must be something in the water because it seems like there has been an epidemic of corruption coming out of Chicago. As the world now knows, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich (D) was just carted off to jail for attempting to sell President-elect Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat. Some would like to shrug this off as simply an isolated incident, but sadly for the state that is not the case. Corruption in Chicago, and indeed Illinois, is at an epidemic level. Here's what I mean.

U.S. Representative Luis Guterrez (D-IL) has been under investigation for trying to influence Chicago's Mayor Daley to change zoning codes to benefit some of Guterrez's political donors. Presently, several files including a letter written by Guterrez have been subpoenaed by the federal authorities. Prior to this investigation, Guterrez was being considered to fill Obama's Senate seat. Another candidate for the seat, Congressman Jessie Jackson Jr. (D-IL) has been accused of being "candidate 5" who reportedly was willing to pay for the Senate seat. Not surprisingly, Jackson

Jr. denies this charge.

When Blagojevich went to jail, it was not the first time an Illinois Governor found himself behind bars. In fact, he was the fourth of the last seven Illinois Governors to be arrested. Otto Kerner (D) and Dan Walker (D) as well as Republican George Ryan preceded him on that inauspicious list. In addition to Ryan, former Congressman Dan Rostenkowski (D) is also serving time in prison. At least Blagojevich will be able to talk politics with his fellow inmates if his defense attorney cannot get him off the hook.

What can be done with such an ingrained culture of political corruption coming from the Windy City? To get the answer, one needs to look south to Louisiana. There was a time not too long ago when it seemed that every few years another Louisiana Governor was going up the road for an extended stay in the Big House. Then the Louisiana voters elected Bobby Jindal (R) governor. As one of his first actions, he called the legislature into a special session and forced through ethics reform legislation. Now the state has one of the toughest ethics standards in the nation. Louisiana is certainly not free of corruption. Just ask

that bloater Representative Bill Jefferson (D) who is under indictment for shady business dealings with Kentucky corporations. Jefferson aside, corruption has decreased in Louisiana, and it is thanks to a governor who was strong enough to take on the entrenched political machines.

The great residents of Illinois need someone like that. They need someone outspoken enough to sound the alarm against political corruption. They need someone with the stature to stand up to those who would dole out patronage to the highest bidder. There are few faces on the political horizon that would fit this bill. Perhaps one is former Bears coach Mike Ditka. Remember, he toyed with the idea of running against Barack Obama in the 2006 Senate race and was seen in the closing days of the presidential campaign lobbying for John McCain. Iron Mike has never seen a fight he would back away from. He seems to be just the man to take on the corrupt Democratic political machine that runs Chicago, and now Illinois, with an iron fist. This is a long shot at best, but someone needs to step up, lest all Illinois politicians get the bad rap of being corrupt.

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Need a study boost? Skip the coffee Study finds that napping more effective than caffeine



Got a lot on your plate? Responsibilities and obligations knocking on your door? Final exams and twenty page essay papers asking to be written? An easy solution to pick you up when running low is to put on a pot of coffee and tackle your tasks in caffeine overdrive mode or ...take a nap!

A strong dose of coffee may bounce back the energy you were lacking; however, the caffeine will slowly backfire and drain you of energy more than you lacked before. Caffeine spurges energy into your system that in turn result in a 'crash' of energy and drowsiness. Over consumptions of caffeine can lead to headaches and the jitters.

A student at Fort Valley State University told researchers that with a full day of classes and one beginning at 8:00a.m., the student turned to caffeine to help him through

consumption lead to other strong sugar intakes such as candy bars and other sweet-infested goodies.

The side effects began with nervousness, shaky limbs and headaches, and followed with extreme results such as diarrhea and insomnia. Caffeine does not look so tempting anymore, does it?

Scientists conducted surveys to provide an alternative solution to restoring energy without consuming caffeine to do so. A group of 61 people were a part of three different experiments. The first group took a nap for two hours, the second group took a 200-milligram caffeine pill, and the third group took a placebo which is a form of medical therapy. The results were selected at random. A person would be studied and categorized based on their performance post experiment. Those

who had napped or had a placebo. Those caffeine takers consistently tested worse than those who napped. The nappers did significantly better than both the caffeine consumers and those with placebo treatment.

Assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of California Sara C. Mednick in result to the survey commented, "People think they're smarter with caffeine, but this study is a strong argument for taking a nap instead of having a cup of coffee." This study appeared in the November 3 issue of Behavioral Brain Research. Based on the study and effects we have seen from caffeine, it seems apparent that in 'crunch time,' regain your energy by taking a nap. Save the coffee for a leisure break-fast.

Science fiction or fact? Body swapping offers many benefits

Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

Psychotherapy helps patients to see their behavior in the perspective of a loved one by pulling people out of themselves. Marriage counselors help couples through role-play. Psychologists have animals and rapists describe crimes they committed through the eyes of their victims. All of this therapy helps people to see through the eyes of others; however, neuroscientists have made the imagination into a physical experience.

The "body swapping" illusion conducted by Swedish researchers for the Society of Neuroscience presented 'evidence that the brain, when tricked by optical and sensory illusions, can quickly adopt any other human form, no matter how different, as its own,' (information found in The New York Times).

Dr. Henrik Ehrsson of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm and her colleague Valeria Petkova told interviewers, "You can see the possibilities, putting a male in a female body, young in old, white in black and vice versa." The process is best described as follows. A subject stands or sits opposite of the scientist.

Both are wearing headsets, with special goggles, the scientist's containing small film cameras. The goggles are rigged in order for the subject to see what the scientist sees. The subject can feel the new body by squeezing the hand of another. In other studies, by using mannequins, men and

women have found that they not only feel they have taken on the new body, but also unconsciously cringe when it is poked or threatened.

Researchers say that the brain is easily tricked, and it builds models of the world based on the experiences it has lived. The brain assumes things based on that factor.

People suffering from schizophrenia or bipolar disorder are at real risk for the body-swapping because of the disorientation. However, those who seek help for relationship problems excel as well as those who have anger issues.

Researchers create devices that mimic a person's every movement. Dr. Doyle, the director of clinical services at the Albert Ellis Institute in New York commented, "After watching their reflection in a virtual mirror, people mentally inhabit this avatar at some level, regardless of its sex, race or appearance. In several studies, for instance, researchers have shown that white people who spend time interacting virtually as black avatars become less anxious about racial differences."

This experiment can help with individual and social troubles, but it may not be the best answer for our future because of its strangeness. Swedish researcher Dr. Ehrsson said, "Even the feeling from the squeezing hand is felt in the scientist's hand and not in your own; this is perhaps the strangest aspect of the experience."

Students Offer Free Job-Search Workshops

By Carol Connelly
Director, Media and Communication Services

Purdue University North Central students in the Organizational Leadership and Supervision program - under faculty supervision - will be offering free public workshops to help persons who are unemployed or underemployed with their job searches.

The PNC students performing this service learning project developed the materials for the workshop sessions. These students have completed upper division coursework and are looking forward to careers in Human Resources. Many already have experience in the human resource field.

These workshops meet Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon in Schwarz Hall Room 211. The workshops will feature informational presentations covering topics such as creating a cover letter and formatting it for emailing, faxing or sending through the U.S. mail.

Following the informational sessions, students will offer one-on-one assistance to review documents, make rec-

ommendations for improvement and answer questions. Workshop participants will have access to the PNC Computer Lab in Technology Building Room 265 to prepare or modify job search documents.

Participants are encouraged to bring electronic copies of their cover letter, resume' and any other documents used in their job application process.

Workshops and their topics are:

Jan. 23 - Job Search Techniques

Jan. 30 - The Cover Letter

Feb. 6 - Resumes

Feb. 13 - Interview Techniques

Feb. 20 - Interview Questions

Feb. 27 - Follow-up Techniques

March 6 - Mock Interviews

The sessions repeat:

March 20 - Job Search Techniques

March 27 - The Cover Letter

April 3 - Resumes

April 10 - Interview Techniques

April 17 - Interview Questions

April 24 - Follow-up Techniques

May 1 - Mock Interviews

Participants may attend one session or all sessions and are welcome to return for the repeat sessions. Registration is not required, however, to register or obtain additional information, contact Ronald Brownie, assistant professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision, at 219-785-5200, ext. 5573 or email CEW@pnc.edu

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Brownie.

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PNC Press Release

College students change their majors for a wide scope of reasons. It is estimated that approximately 70% of students will not graduate from college in the degree at which they declared their freshman year. Knowing this, as a student you will want to gather as much information about the programs that Purdue North Central has to offer to you as possible.

By attending the 2009 Majors Fair, you will have the opportunity to learn what majors or minors would be an appropriate fit for you, how to declare your major, and gather information about what job opportunities are offered in

your field of choice. The purpose of the Majors Fair is for all students to explore the academic opportunities that are made available to you through Purdue North Central. You will be able to speak to faculty, staff, current students, and alumni in your prospective area of study.

Please plan to attend the 2009 Majors Fair to gain valuable information about your educational career, network, enjoy refreshments, and also win gifts!

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Britney makes her comeback

Pop star puts ugly past behind her for new beginning



By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

"My trust has been battered. Sometimes it can get kinda lonely. I had totally lost my way. I lost focus. I lost myself. I let certain people into my life that were just bad people...because I was lonely. I really paid the consequences for that, big time. What the hell was I thinking?" -Britney Spears on the aftermath of her 2007 meltdown.

On Sunday, November 30, 2008, MTV had premiered a

sixty day documentary entitled Britney: For the Record. The crew followed Britney Spears straight for two months to capture the experiences she endures every day, her normal daily agenda. Questions from interviewers were uncut, and no topic was off limits.

Spears commented on her breakup with Justin Timberlake and his divorce with Kevin Federline in which she commented, "I never really faced it; I just ran." Her reason for letting 'bad people' into her life which lead to the

downfall of a stable Britney: "Because I was lonely."

A normalcy that many people take for granted is being able to step outside the house with their kids and go to the grocery store without being photographed and even harassed. Britney Spears needs security in order to do such things wherever she goes.

She described her life as living in a 4x4ft cell in which she is constantly guarded and lacks the freedom to do as she pleases. The life she endures is everything she has ever known, and her outrageous world as viewed through the common-folk eyes is understood as 'normal' to Miss Spears.

In relation to her comeback, Britney wants to put the past behind her such as her divorce, rehab, her shaved head, paparazzi chases, and losing custody of her two sons. For her 2009 plans, Britney told Glamour magazine, "I would like to stop worrying so much and to learn how to be happier, just in general."

Currently, Britney Spears is preparing to begin her 2009 tour entitled: The Circus starring Britney Spears with special guests The Pussycat Dolls.

Student Profile--

Introducing Dathyn Hiser



By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

Meet Dathyn Hiser, a PNC student that is also a very passionate artist who is a practitioner of one of the world's oldest art forms: Tattooing.

"I've always been into tattoos, Ever since I was a little kid. My dad had a couple tattoos, and it was just this art that was living. I thought it was just wild. Then I got my first tattoo at 18 and it just grew from there." Dathyn said about his initial interest in the art.

Although there are a lot of places to get it done, the world of tattooing can be a very shady place "There's a lot of hacks out there, you gotta be careful who you go to, because a lot of them just want to be that 'hey I'm the cool tattoo guy' but they don't know anything about the history of the

art, proper techniques and sterilization procedures, you're putting a lot of trust in people and it only takes one mistake to ruin something."

Dathyn has a lot of experience with many different kinds of people and skin types, "all kinds black or white and young and old."

As for prices he's very generous, "I don't do the hourly rate, I look at the piece and I ask them what they are willing to spend. I do it more for the art, I mean if the piece is nice and you really want it I'm not going to make you pay 100 dollars an hour and take 8 hours to do it. I like to work with people."

Regarding his personal preferences he said "I like black and grey work, that's my favorite. I don't know it just feels a lot more traditional. It shows a lot more depth, I like colors too, but colors fade, black and grey just stays in the skin better and it's just classic."

To those want to ask him about getting a tattoo they want: "Don't be afraid to come up and talk to me, I'll answer all your questions, but a word of advice to people getting a tattoo: don't move, it's annoying as hell." Dathyn is available for consultation and appointment at (219)263-6288

Why waste your money?

Hollywood summed up in a sentence

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

One huge complaint that comes from most people who see movies is that they already know most of everything that happens in the film because of what they saw in the trailer. All of it is just sitting there in the trailers waiting for the observant to know what movies are worth those dollars and non-refundable hours they are about to spend. Here's a brief glimpse of a few up and coming movies that are just trying to tell you everything before you go and see them:

- Quantum of Solace: James Bond is going to shoot people, and then make out with a supermodel after driving an expensive car.

- The Day the Earth Stood Still: Neo is a space alien that is going to give Jennifer Connelly magic powers.

- The Uninvited: Somewhere out in Japan, the guy who wrote "The Grudge" is kicking himself in the face for the genre he started, there's going to be lots of screaming maybe even a monster of some kind, probably just a mean ghost.

- The Soloist: A heartwarming tale about Jamie Foxx trying to win the Oscar for best actor, again.

- The Grand Torino: Clint Eastwood isn't old, you can tell by the fact that he directed a movie about himself yelling at teenagers, and throwing his kids out of the house when they try to put him in a home.

- The Unborn: At first it looked really dumb, and then suddenly it looked really awesome, so it might be really good, especially since the plot seems to mirror that of The

Venture Brothers episode with the abdominal twin of Doctor Venture.

- Doubt: This movie is basically one really long joke about catholic priests, disguised as a serious drama.

- Twilight: Anne Rice's latest novel adaptation to film, Stephanie Meyer is just a pen name.

- Changeling: In the 1940's it's really easy to find a dead ringer for a nine year old boy.

- Marley and me: One word; Marmaduke.

- Bedtime Stories: This is a family film with a title that could easily be confused with several adult films with the same title. It's scary to think to what will happen when it comes out on home video and the inevitable mix up at blockbuster happens.

- Yes Man: Liar Liar was a good movie. They didn't need to make a sequel. But Jim Carry really does learn lots of great lessons about life while teaching the audience how to "Take it easy" and "Roll with the punches" And "say yes to everything, and watch the hilarity ensue."

- Inkheart: This movie looks like a really long piece of fan-fiction that was written by someone who's childhood memories probably include watching "The wizard of Oz" sync up with "Dark side of the moon"

- The curious case of Benjamin Button: Wasn't this the original story of Merlin? People who've read books shouldn't watch movies, it's too frustrating.

And that's basically what we have to look forward to. Enjoy!

The Voice's Question of the Month

WHAT DID YOU ASK SANTA FOR?

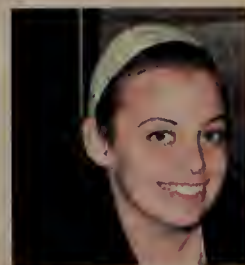
Compiled by Cameron Kelly-Johnson



Hypothetically speaking? Uhm...It's rough.(finger tapping) Car insurance, paid forever.

--Doyle Martin (freshman)

A Nintendo Wii.
-Elizabeth Mitchell (freshman)



Are you serious? Okay...I want a remote start so my car will be warm.

-Maira Gondim (sophomore)



My diploma. I just want to get the hell out of here.

-Sheilina Howard (senior)



World News

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Introducing Barack Obama's Cabinet choices

Compiled by Lyndsie Daikhi

Steven Chu, Energy Secretary



pressed aggressively to develop new alternative energy technology.

Jerry Taylor, a senior fellow at Cato Institute said, "I believe that the selection of Steve Chu suggests that President-elect Obama is quite serious about reordering the energy sector and executing his vision of a 'green economy.'" said

Unlike the current Energy Secretary Sam Bodman, who ran a chemical compa-

President-elect Barack Obama has stayed true to some campaign promises by focusing on expanding green energy with his choice for Energy Secretary. Obama's nominee, Steven Chu, a Nobel physics laureate, has been a strong advocate for making buildings more efficient to cut energy use to counter global warming and climate change.

Chu has led the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory since August 2004 and under Chu's leadership, the lab has

Bill Richardson, Secretary of Commerce



Sudan, North Korea and Cuba. In the 1990s, he negotiated the release of a downed American pilot imprisoned in North Korea, some Red Cross workers held in Sudan and two American contractors detained by Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

However, Richardson has had not landmark achievements as a diplomat and has said himself that he has been wrong on several important issues such as the North American Free Trade Agreement which he helped to pass, the first invasion of Iraq in the early 1990s that he opposed and the second invasion of Iraq, which he supported.

Richardson was even looked down upon, with the disastrous security breaches at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the prosecution of scientist Wen Ho Lee, when he was secretary of the Department of Energy.

Although Bill Richardson ran against Obama during the primary races, Obama has nominated Richardson for the job of secretary of commerce. Richardson served in 'the Clinton administration as ambassador to the United Nations and then as energy secretary. Since 2002, Richardson has been the popular governor of New Mexico.

In the past Richardson has earned a reputation as a tough and inventive negotiator, especially when dealing with America's most entrenched adversaries, among them Iraq,

Blagojevich pays for his "play"

By Jonathan Sichter

Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich (D) was arrested on December 9 after a three year long investigation of his activities as governor. Blagojevich has been accused of pay-to-play politics, and those accusations seem to have been verified by statements he made on secretly recorded telephone conversations.

The arrest came just a day after he boasted to reporters that "whether you tape me privately or publicly, I can tell you that whatever I say is always lawful and the things I'm interested in are always lawful."

The Governor was arrested at his home at around 6:00 am, and later in the day federal attorney Pat Fitzgerald held a news conference to describe the day's events. At that conference, Fitzgerald read portions of the conversations. In the conversations, he attempted to use the Senate seat as leverage to 'become the

Secretary of Health and Human Services, an ambassador, or a post in a powerful union. Additionally, he has been accused of gaining campaign donations in exchange for other favors.

It is believed that Fitzgerald rushed the arrest in order to prevent Blagojevich from appointing a Senator. Now there is some debate as to how that vacant seat will be filled. At first, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn wanted the state to hold a special election to fill the seat, but now he is saying that he wants to make the appointment. Quinn, also a Democrat, is probably worried about corruption blowback. If a special election were to be held now, it is likely that voters would vote for the Republican candidate in response to these corruption charges. This issue will likely drag on into 2009, but one thing seems certain: Blagojevich's career is effectively over.

Tom Daschle, Secretary of Health and Human Services



American Progress.

Obama also announced that Daschle would be the director of a new White House Office of Health Reform. In that position, Daschle will be in charge of proposals to expand coverage and rein in health costs.

Obama believes that Daschle can lead the efforts to secure

"affordable, accessible health care for every single American."

A major health care initiative "has to be intimately woven into our overall economic recovery plan," Obama said, adding: "It's not something that we can put off because we are in an emergency. This is part of the emergency."

Mr. Daschle also echoed that sense of urgency for creating said health care initiative. "Our growing costs are unsustainable," he said, "and the plight of the uninsured is unconscionable."

As the former Senate majority leader, Daschle is well acquainted with the intricacies of health policy and Senate procedure. However, two of his policy ideas could rekindle an ideological warfare that has stopped similar

proposals in the past.

One of these proposals that Daschle has is that he wants to establish a Federal Health Board, an independent entity which would be similar to the Federal Reserve. The board would make coverage decisions for federal health programs. It would, he says, "reduce or deny payment for new drugs and procedures that aren't as effective as current ones."

Another volatile question is whether the government should offer its own health insurance plan, to compete with private plans as Obama and Daschle have proposed.

Democrats said that private insurers would hold down costs and improve care if they had to compete with a public plan. However, Republicans said a government plan would have unfair advantages and could drive private insurers from the market.

R. Alexander Vachon III, a health policy consultant for several Wall Street firms, said: "The probability that Congress will pass a major expansion of health insurance coverage next year is less than 40 percent. There's lots of enthusiasm, but Democrats have been trying to do this for 74 years and have not succeeded."

Pakistan, India draw world attention

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Although Indian officials have criticized Pakistan as the "epicenter" of terrorism and dismissed its crackdown on extremist groups as inadequate in the wake of the attacks in Mumbai, they all but ruled out the prospect of a military confrontation.

If India were to carry out even limited military strikes against Pakistan, it would be likely to lose the support of its allies, namely the United States, because of fears that Pakistan would then divert troops from its western border with Afghanistan to its eastern one with India.

However, India does have options which include suspending peace talks and what military analysts call limited punitive strikes on terrorist training camps.

India's coalition government, led by the Congress

Party, is quite aware of a wave of public outrage over the administration's failure to listen to intelligence warnings or stop the attackers more quickly. The government unveiled an overhaul of the national security system and they said it would set up a national investigative agency to coordinate with various state and local law enforcement agencies, increase coastal security and modernize the police forces.

"Given the nature of the threat, we can't go back to business as usual," Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said in a speech to Parliament. He said it would require "hard decisions to prepare the country and people to face the challenge of terrorism."

The gunmen who carried out the three-day siege of

Mumbai killed 171 people. Nine of the gunmen were killed and a 10th was arrested. The Mumbai police said all of the attackers were Pakistani citizens who traveled across the Arabian Sea to Mumbai. The gunmen are believed to have belonged to a Pakistan-based group called Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Because appeals by India and the United States, the UN Security Council declared that a charity called Jamaat-ud-Dawa was a front for Lashkar-e-Taiba and subject to UN sanctions, including the freezing of its assets and a travel ban on four of its leaders. Those leaders include Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, the head of the charity, and Zaki ur-Rehman Lakhvi, who India said had planned the Mumbai attacks and who was arrested by the Pakistani government.

Congress makes auto bailout compromise

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Democrats and Republicans have reached a tentative compromise on a \$14 billion automaker bailout plan. Connecticut Democrat Chris Dodd and Tennessee Republican Bob Corker negotiated the accord.

GM and Chrysler are in a race against the clock as they need federal aid to keep from running out of money early next year. Pressure is also mounting on GM as a small number of parts makers ask for payments in advance.

Earlier, Majority Leader Harry Reid said that if an agreement is reached, "then the bill will overwhelmingly pass the Senate."

Corker said he spoke today with GM President Fritz Henderson and United Auto

Workers President Ron Gettelfinger. "It's progressing, at this moment, very well," the senator told reporters. "There's a tremendous desire to make something happen."

The House went home after passing its plan late Wednesday night. Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Bloomberg Television she wouldn't bring her chamber back for further action if the Senate passed a different version, though she also said, "you never say never."

However this may not be possible because Reid said it was "pretty clear" there weren't enough Senate votes to pass the House measure.

Republicans have threatened to block the House Democrats plan and a revised Senate version from coming to

fruition because the legislation would not have the authority to enforce cost cuts at the automakers.

Senate Leader Mitch McConnell Rep-KY said, "This proposal isn't nearly tough enough. WE simply cannot ask the American taxpayer to subsidize failure."

The alternative plan that Corker and Dodd created would give the UAW half of the \$23 billion it's owed for health care as GM stock instead, and eliminate a program in which UAW workers are paid not to work if there are no tasks for them.

President-elect Barack Obama said that he was "hopeful" that Congress would approve the rescue package this week to stop more damage to the economy.

Sports

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Honors abound for Phelps Olympian named SI's "Sportsman of the Year"



By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

As if winning eight Gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics in August was not enough, Michael Phelps has been honored once again. The twenty-three year old swimmer was recently named Sports Illustrated's sportsman of the year.

Phelps not only broke

Mark Spitz's record by his domination in winning Gold medals, but he also became the winningest Olympian ever with his all time fourteen career victories. In the past fifty-four years of this honor, many Olympians have won the award, but never a swimmer.

The previous winner

Phelps follows was the well-known NFL quarterback Brett Favre. According to

Sports Illustrated Group editor Terry McDonnell, the selection of Phelps was "the easiest choice I have made." He went on to say, "It is so obvious that he changed not only swimming, but the entire Olympic landscape."

Phelps told the Associated Press, "Honestly, I feel like the same person I've been my whole life. I'm doing what I love. I was able to accomplish what I wanted to accomplish this year. It's been a dream come true of a year, and I definitely couldn't ask to change anything."

"Just being able to have the attention of the American public is something I've always wanted for our sport. The football players and basketball players and baseball players have it a little bit different. Everybody sees their faces more often," Phelps commented.

The Olympic swimmer has accumulated additional awards such as Male Athlete of the Year, Male Performance of the Year, and Relay of the Year.

In addition to his recent Sports Illustrated honor, Phelps hosted the season premiere of NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

The Sportsman of the Year: Michael Phelps Sports Illustrated 2008 issue is in stores now. Pick up a copy!

Panthers head West PNC Baseball to open season with 3 day game in Riverside, California

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

During the last waning days of January, while most baseball teams in the Midwest will still be indoors conditioning, practicing and getting ready for their upcoming spring season to start, PNC Baseball will be trading in their stocking caps for baseball hats, as they board their flight and head west to Riverside, California.

The Panthers will be kicking off their 2009 season by flying to California and playing California Baptist University in a three day, three game series. California Baptist is a nationally ranked team, receiving votes in the Top 25. For Panther baseball, this sparks a real progression in the program.

This is a testament that PNC Baseball has now grown to the point where its reputation is starting to speak for itself. The idea of playing ball in late January, way out west somewhere in warm weather, was never a possibility in year's past. This fall however, Coach John Weber's phone was ringing off the wall.

He continually received phone calls from teams looking to play good talent, evidence that PNC's reputation it has built has been passed on and talked about throughout the collegiate network. One of these calls came from California Baptist. They contacted Weber looking for a respectable team to play and

agreed to pay for the team's hotels, transportation and food. Due to their climate and year-round weather they do not have to fundraise as a program, so they can afford to do this.

This is a stark contrast to our own program and weather. The ballplayers here at PNC are currently fundraising for their airfare, as they do for nearly everything. This includes pants, jerseys, hats, and right down to every day practice wear. As you can imagine, Coach Weber did not balk at this opportunity. The Panther's original start to the season was scheduled for March 3, against Grace College. Now, they have the chance to get a month's head-start on everyone else in the conference, not to mention the entire area.

And, as Weber points out, "This is a life experience for these ball players, most small schools don't get this opportunity." Senior infielder Chris Cappello also adds, "It's amazing to get out of our gym and out of our conditioning early and to take this trip. It's kind of like having two spring-breaks, it will prepare us not only for the regular season but also for conference play as well."

Unlike most other ballplayers in the region, PNC's are already envisioning their first game of the year as they take aim and prepare to step out into those bright C09opalifornia rays.

New York Yankees get their man Reach record deal with free-agent Sabathia



By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

The New York Yankees and free-agent, left-handed starting pitcher CC Sabathia reached a record deal early last month to bring the 2007 Cy-Young Award winner to the Bronx. The deal is for seven years and \$161 million. That is an average annual salary of \$23 million per season. The contract also contains an opt-out clause after the completion of the third year. After months of speculation and weeks of waiting, the pondering is over and the Yankees finally have signed what they deemed their "top priority" this off-season. After a 2008 season which featured a Yankees team that missed the playoffs for the first time in nearly 13 years, the Yankees made it no secret they would do whatever it takes to address the problems that plagued them throughout the season. Injuries to their starting rotation led to a nightmarish 2008 campaign that featured all five of their starting pitchers landing on the disabled list, at one time or another, during the course of the season. Lack of veteran talent on the mound, and no true ace

to take the ball every five days has also been part of the problem preventing the Yanks from returning to the World Series these past few years. Much to the disgust of rival teams and fans all over, and downright close to tampering, the Yankees made it known they were going after Sabathia well before the 2008 season concluded. Nor was it a secret that they were going to dump as much cash, and if needed, more cash on him, than any other team could or would be able to, in order to sign him and bring him to New York. In doing so, Sabathia and the Yankees signed the fourth largest contract in Major League history and the largest contract for any pitcher to date. This pales in comparison only to Alex Rodriguez's last two free agent signings and Manny Ramirez's original deal with the Boston Red Sox. If any one starting pitcher was actually deserving of this type of money however, the case could be made that Sabathia is this pitcher. Over the past two years the 6 foot 7, 290 pound lefty has led the big leagues in strikeouts (460), innings pitched (494), and is second in

overall wins (36), during this span. Also note that he is only 28 years of age, still fairly young for a starting pitcher and has been very durable throughout his career to this point. Although the Yankees have struck first and made the biggest splash in the free agent market, with this signing of Sabathia, don't look for them to call it quits just yet. The Yanks are still intent on solidifying their starting rotation and are on the verge of adding another starting pitcher in right hander A.J. Burnett. Their only competitor seems to be the Atlanta Braves at the moment, but with New York's reported five-year and close to \$85 million offer on the table to Burnett, again they appear confident that they cannot be outbid for his services. Regardless of the outcome, free-agent pitchers Ben Sheets, Derek Lowe or Andy Pettitte could all still be considered possibilities to fill out the final spot in their rotation should Burnett sign, or even if he does not. Last but not least, you would have to figure that the Yankees would still also want to upgrade their offense in some way too, after declining arbitration to both Bobby Abreu and Jason Giambi, their two on-base percentage leaders this past season. If the confirmed reports made straight from Hank Steinbrenner are of any indication, the Yankees could ultimately end up with Manny Ramirez to fill this need. It is no secret that Hank would especially like to have Ramirez in pinstripes, even if for no other reason than to just torment the rival Red Sox.

It's time to lower your sports expectations for 2009

By Brandon Aday
January 15, 2009
Source: Daily Toreador, Texas
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Last year was one of the best years of all time for sports fans, including one of the best Super Bowls ever, an exciting and controversy-laden Olympics, and one of the most unpredictable college football seasons in recent memory.

Additionally, the NBA finals featured two marquee franchises after the league's best regular season in over a decade, and Tiger Woods put together one of the greatest performance's in, well, history. The NHL discovered the lure of outdoor hockey, college basketball finally saw all of its best teams reach the Final Four, and Roger Federer is no longer lonely at the top of the tennis world.

Although it is impossible to expect this year to match the magical year we just bid adieu, looking ahead to the future reveals some exciting times for sports fans in 2009. The first two burning questions for this coming year are about comebacks.

Can Woods and Lance Armstrong regain their spots atop sport's pinnacle? I think Woods has the better chance of dominating his respective sport. I look for him to make a full recovery over the course of the PGA season. Perhaps he will be more of a force than he

was before the surgery now that he can plant full power on a left knee that has hampered him for years. I expect Woods to grab two major trophies, one of which will be in classic dominating Tiger style. Besides, even if he cannot fully recover, Rocco Mediate knows Tiger can win at least one major on one knee.

One guaranteed victory in Armstrong's return to the Tour de France is that America will regain a sport it has forgotten about for the last four years. I personally feel like a four-year layoff and turning 37 will be too much of a challenge for Lance to tackle. Then again, he has surprised before. I see Lance staying competitive and holding the country's interest for a couple of weeks but ultimately losing to a younger, more "performance-enhanced" cyclist.

In the basketball world, the New Year has been unkind to preseason favorites at both the college and professional level.

The Boston Celtics and North Carolina Tar Heels seem to have lost the unstoppable feeling, as well as the chance for landmark seasons. The Celtics had looked to set the single-season win record, and North Carolina was hoping for the perfect season. Still, it is far too early to write off these hoops giants. I think the Celtics' slide actually helps

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Year: Freshman
Hometown: White Pigeon, MI
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Position: Guard/Forward



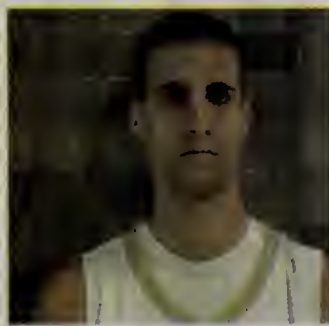
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Year: Freshman
Hometown: Coloma, MI
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Position: Guard/Forward



Name: Lloyd McBride
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Fishers, IN
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Position: Guard



Name: Nick Sweet
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Bridgman, MI
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Position: Guard



Name: Sean McMullen
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Fishers, IN
#: 33
Position: Forward



Name: Brenden Snell
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
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Position: Guard



Name: Ryan Chambers
Year: Junior
Hometown: Schoolcraft, MI
#: 44
Position: Center



Name: Ronald Nanda
Year: Junior
Hometown: Berrien Springs, MI
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Position: Guard



Name: Cameron Hudgins
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Gary, IN
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Position: Forward



Name: Derek Harrell
Year: Freshman
Hometown: French Lick, IN
#: 3
Position: Guard



Name: Hugh Howard
Year: Senior
Hometown: Columbia City, IN
#: 4
Position: Guard/Forward



Name: Avance Byrd
Year: Senior
Hometown: Tacoma, WA
#: 11
Position: Guard/Forward

2009 Game Schedule

Day	Date	Vs.	Time	Place
Sat.	1/24	IU - Northwest	3 p.m.	Gary, IN
Wed.	1/28	Purdue University Calumet	7:30 p.m.	Hammond, IN
Sat.	1/31	Calumet College of St. Joseph	3 p.m.	HOME
Wed.	2/4	Judson University	7 p.m.	Elgin, IL
Sat.	2/7	Trinity Christian College	4 p.m.	Palos Heights, IL
Wed.	2/11	Trinity International University	7 p.m.	HOME
Sat.	2/14	Cardinal Stritch University	4 p.m.	Milwaukee, WI
Thur.	2/19	Moody Bible Institute	7 p.m.	HOME
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them in the long run. They are an experienced, talented team that will rebound. Now they can focus solely on winning a title, not on chasing history. The New England Patriots might wish they had that fortune last year. I see the Celtics as repeat NBA champions - their last one before handing the Eastern Conference torch over to LeBron and the Cavs.

The Tar Heels also will successfully rebound because of the same reasons as the Celtics. They too could benefit from not being forced to chase history, and they will be in the Final Four in Detroit. However, they are no longer college basketball's "only contender" as some seemed to have believed prematurely. Although they are the most talented team, I just don't think they win it all - that's often the nature of the NCAA Tournament. This college basketball season is too young to predict, but I would look for a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference or Big East Conference to cut down the nets come April.

For many Texas Tech fans, 2009 presents a giant question

mark on the gridiron.

I for one don't think the team will struggle as much as most probably do. Obviously, the losses stand out: Graham Harrell, Eric Morris, and Michael Crabtree on offense, as well as the stellar safety duo of Darcel McBath and Daniel Charbonnet on defense.

The team won't garner Heisman or BCS talk. Still, the team will bring back eight starters on the fastest-improving defense in the Big 12 Conference, as well as several good receivers, three running backs, and half of a stellar offensive line. Combined with Mike Leach, the best in the country at getting the most out of the talent he has, Tech will be respectable.

I expect Tech to go undefeated through its non-conference schedule, followed by a 6-2 conference record, including the annual home upset, this time against Oklahoma. A win in a bowl game would actually match this past year's win total, and looking at next year's schedule, that does not seem unreasonable.

So, sports fans lower your expectations a notch after 2008, and 2009 promises to be an entertaining year.

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February 2009 Volume IV Issue 6 INpulse gives campus performance

By Kayla Mrozinske

On Wednesday, February 11, 2009, the cappella vocal band, INpulse performed at PNC. The hour long show was free, and roughly 50 students and faculty attended the show located in prime location, LSF 144, where students could come and go in between classes to catch a glimpse of the performers.

Band members Marcus Hanson, Matt McDonald, Gabe Koxlien, and Andy Miller opened the show with Little Big Town's "Boondocks" and followed the show with other familiar hits. The energetic artists covered Annie Lennox's "Sweet Dreams," Keith Urban's "You'll Think of Me," and Michael Jackson's "The Way You Make me Feel" in the opening act.

McDonald, who specializes in baritone vocals, broke the pace with a vocal drum solo. His performance of beat-boxing excited the crowd and highly showed off his talents. Student Tom Smith commented, "The drum solo was amazing!"

The group rejoined for the second half of the show in which other various songs were performed. Bill Withers "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone," Jason Mraz's



"I'm Yours," Eagles' "Hotel California" and their original "Top 5 Reasons We're Not a Boyfriend" were sung. "Rumbles the Seats" Hanson, the bass performer and also the band's manager, performed three Johnny Cash songs following these acts: "Wholesome Prison Blues," "Walk the Line," and "Ring of Fire." A tribute to Mr. Cash was a crowd favorite.

To put the band to the test, a student requested Maroon 5's "Sunday Morning" in mid-show. Without hesitation, vocal percussionist Miller showed his softer side and

sang the lead to the song. The band quickly picked up the pace and gave a jaw dropping performance that left the student quite satisfied. Their on-the-spot performance showed off their true talent.

In other acts, McDonald and Miller had a drum-duet faceoff which sparked much enthusiasm in student Justin Diehl.

Diehl commented, "The faceoff was dope! I am very happy I came to the show." The band closed the show with song "Umbrella" from Rhianna, "Yeah" by Usher which brought the crowd to

their feet, and "Fat Bottom Girls" by Queen.

INpulse member Koxlien who specializes in tenor vocals said, "Great crowd! They were very energetic, and as much as we gave to the audience, they were eager to give back!"

INpulse members reside in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but travel the country performing at various colleges and universities. The classically trained band has been together for five years and has three albums that were on sale at the doors. Discovered at the NACA convention, the F.A.C.E. committee brought the band to PNC

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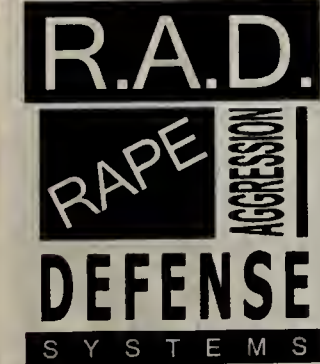
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for a special lunch time performance.

In reference to the show, Director of Student Activities Keri Marrs Baron commented, "Once you were in, it was difficult to leave the room. I was thrilled to see the turn out and hope that we can have as much energy and enthusiasm for our next lunch time event. A major thanks to all of the students who attended and helped in promoting the event; it would not have been successful without each student's help."

RAD taking March registrants Student government to attend ASGA conference



By Cara Vukusich

This year March 17th is more than just a celebration of Irish heritage, it is a day that marks another kind of tradition - PNC's ongoing RAD course.

The Rape Aggression Defense course, taught by certified RAD and SAFE instructors, Dispatcher Sue Zahn and Officer Gary Kinney, has existed at PNC for eight years now and is back this spring with the first of four sessions beginning on St. Patrick's Day.

The scheduled dates for the courses are March 17, 19, 24 and 26; each class is from 6 - 9 pm.

RAD is a nationally recognized program geared toward teaching women to minimize their risk for attacks along with other necessary techniques to ensure safety. So

not only does the course offer women a chance to defend themselves, but there are no excuses not to take the course. It is free of cost to any female students, faculty and staff who are interested.

The RAD system is the most widespread technique used in training women for their own self-defense. According to instructor Sue Zahn "ninety percent of self-defense is reducing the risk of an attack, three of the twelve class hours

are devoted to risk prevention."

On the PNC website, RAD is described as offering a comprehensive course with realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. Paired with its sister program SAFE (Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange), the two programs combine to offer trainees a list of skills that include non-strenuous physical training along with physical defense techniques.

Both of the courses offer "easy, effective, and proven self-defense tactics [to] provide women with the knowledge to make an educated decision about resistance, because YOU are your best defense."

The course is also open to the public if the spaces do not fill up. So any female students or staff members who are interested in their own safety or the safety of any of their friends and loved ones should consider taking this free course.

By Aleah Turner

On February 28, 2009, Purdue North Central's Student Government representatives will be attending a national student government conference hosted in New York City by the American Student Government Association (ASGA).

The representatives will be learning new techniques such as how to make students care about student government, steps to dramatically improve student government, and numerous other workshops that will help their leadership skills.

The ASGA was formed in 2003 and serves as a professional aid for collegiate student organizations across the country. It was founded by the editors of *Student Leader* magazine after much discussion.

The six representatives attending the conference are Jon Sichtermann, Tom Albano,

Lyndsie Daikhi, Aleah Turner, David Myers, Emily Turner, Nick Mucha, and Keri Marrs de Barrón, the club advisor. The student government has been putting together various fundraising efforts to raise money for this special event, which include a bake sale during Spirit Week, selling Papa John's coupons, and writing grant proposals and donation letters.

With only weeks away from attending the conference, the student government has been fortunate enough to raise money that will cover most of the costs. Many representatives in this year's student government have already expressed interest in making this conference an annual event.

As John F. Kennedy once said, "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

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Commentary

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Apathy, a cold student body Student involvement frustratingly bleak



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

I have always heard mention of apathy in regards to students at PNC but I guess that being the optimistic person that I am refused to believe that students, people just like me, do not care about this campus and the clubs and activities that are present on campus.

However, by some ill twist of fate, I have become well acquainted with the green eyed apathetic beast that some of the student here at PNC have become. It all started when I, as Student Government vice president I had to put together a meeting of all of the presidents of the active clubs and organizations. In doing this, I was met with many excuses from some as to why they could not come, to be fair I must say that some of them were valid, but a majority of them were not.

Then when the day of the meeting actually came I set up two different meeting times so that I could accommodate as many people as possible. I was all

ready with an agenda and the goal of setting up a club newsletter. I would like you to take a wild guess as to how many people showed up...well I will not divulge exact numbers but let's just say that I could count them on one hand. Needless to say I was very disappointed that I had wasted so much of my own time.

I met the apathetic beast again when in one of my classes we were divided into groups to discuss a survey project. I just happened to mention the lack of student involvement and how I thought that it was a problem and two of the members of my group vehemently told me how they did not have time to participate in extracurricular activities. I was taken aback by that, not to stand on a soap box or anything, but I am an extremely busy person. I work a full time job in a managerial position, I am currently enrolled in 15 credit hours, I am vice president of Student Government and I am one of the editors of the paper. I mean really, I am busy all of the time but I still remain active on campus.

I then began to wonder, why are students at PNC so apathetic? At first I thought that it maybe students did not have the support of faculty or staff to become involved. However, I found that this was untrue. I spoke to one professor who was an advisor to a club that has ceased to be active for lack of membership; she told me how she wanted to find stu-

dents to join her club and to participate in a learning community.

Then I began to think that students were apathetic because they did not know how to become involved in campus activities. As soon as that thought crossed my mind I dismissed it right away. If people would only pick up this very paper and read its contents they would have more than enough information to find out about clubs. Also there are always postings of club activities all across campus and even on the portal where students check their email. The only way to make it easier for students to find out about activities is to take them by the hand and lead them to an activity or club meeting.

After I thought through this situation of apathy I came to the sickening and utterly ridiculous truth. The reason that students here at PNC are so apathetic is because they are selfish. They would rather have the break between their classes to leave campus and hangout with friends instead of taking a few moments to volunteer an ounce of time. For some students I have known it is always about me, what benefits does doing this have for me.

I do not like to stereotype my generation, but I have come to the conclusion that this is the sad truth. If I receive some fuming emails from students that read this that completely refute my beliefs then I will recant. However, I think that it is safe to say that I will probably not have to do that because of apathy.

Student smoking lounge Tired of non-smoker favoritism

By Cara Vukusich
Contributor

The Purdue North Central Campus' air has lifted in recent months, a cloud that at one time drifted around campus has seemingly dissipated uncovering yet another haze, that of a sizable portion of the student population that has grown dissatisfied.

These dissatisfied people are the cigarette smokers, those hazy shadows one might see looming inside a parked car, stepping out with a wave of smoke to follow. But now, a scene such as this is increasingly rare, in fact those shadows have shadows themselves – the campus police.

Purdue North Central passed a smoking ban which came into effect in November of 2007 banning smoking entirely, not even in the privacy of your own parked vehicle, without fear of a citation. But to add to this threat, though many current students would have no memory of it, at one point in time there was a smoking lounge on the PNC campus, but it has long since disappeared into thin air, it would seem, along with the rights of all the campus smokers.

Please do not misunderstand the words printed here; certainly non-smokers have

the right to clean air, they also have the right to walk around without a looming cigarette smell they just cannot get off their clothes, and they have a right to clean walkways that in the past might have been littered with cigarette butts, but what about the smokers, the shadows whose right to smoke has become obsolete? Do they not have rights as well?

"As a non-smoker, I feel sympathetic for students at PNC who do smoke. If smoking outside of a building is so much of a problem, then what about providing an area for those who make the conscious choice to smoke. Smoking is legal, it doesn't impair your judgment, and as long as it doesn't interfere with non-smokers on campus then it should not be such a big deal. I think its borderline immoral."

— Ross Berg, Non-Smoker for Smoker's Rights and PNC Student.

This is a call to all of those who would like to see the smoking lounge revived, after all it has gotten pretty blistery in recent months and with no real end in sight, and maybe the campus could consider compensating for it, for their students and their staff.

Was George W. Bush really so bad? Presidency impossible to gauge without historical context

By Jon Siebtermann
Web Editor

As the nation, and indeed the world, paused to witness the inauguration of Barack Obama as the nation's 44th President, it was an appropriate time to reflect and analyze the presidency of George W. Bush. For eight years, the man who served the nation as President of the United States has been criticized and maligned by his opponents. How much of this criticism has been justified, and how much has been mere partisan bilge from his opponents? What follows is a "fair and balanced" account of our 43rd president's successes and failures.

When President Bush took office in 2001, he inherited from Bill Clinton an economy in the midst of a recession. The economy took another disastrous hit on September 11 of that year when the world watched in horror as Islamic terrorists attacked the political and financial centers of the United States. Following these events, the president enacted the "Bush Tax Cuts" of 2001 and 2003. These were supply side cuts which were designed to stimulate economic growth.

Although they were the largest of their kind in US history they were not the first. President Ronald Reagan popularized this economic theory when he urged the nation to "take a walk on the supply side," but even he was not the first to adopt this policy. In fact Presidents Coolidge and Kennedy implemented supply side tax cuts in the 1920s and 1960s. In all four cases the effects were the same: rapid economic growth, technological innovation, alleviation of a recession, and larger national tax receipts than prior to the cuts.

In the case of the Bush tax cuts, the nation experienced a record 52 straight months of job growth leading to the creation of 8.2 million jobs. Additionally, GDP rose 17 percent and labor productivity increased at a rate greater than the rate experienced in the 1970s, 80s, or 90s. Finally,

the tax cuts resulted in \$524 billion in additional tax revenue with the top ten percent of individual earners paying more in 2005 than in 2000 and with 13 million low income earners no longer liable for any tax income payments.

President Bush has been viewed as one of the most conservative presidents in US history, but on several notable occasions he has abandoned conservative principles and dabbled in the policies traditionally within the realm of the Left. Mr. Bush's forays into liberalism have always been to the detriment of the nation. He has been roundly criticized for his handling of the conflict in Iraq as well as for the recession he handed off to Barack Obama.

In fact his responses in both of these instances were more in line with liberalism than conservatism.

Take the decision to invade Iraq for instance. In 2003, President Bush justified the move because he wanted to rid that nation of weapons of mass destruction, topple an authoritarian dictatorship, and establish a democracy. Even though many conservatives bought into these justifications, war for the purposes of regime change has historically been the prerogative of the Left. After all, it was President Wilson, the most liberal president the nation had seen to that point, who declared war on Germany in 1918. He said the US must enter World War I to "make the world safe for democracy."

More recently, President Clinton bypassed the United Nations in his quest to overthrow the Serbian government. A true conservative in the tradition of Burke, Adams, Disraeli, and Buckley would understand that conservatives attempt to conserve their own society while refraining from toppling foreign governments for political reasons.

Many people forget that World War I was extremely unpopular in the United States, mainly because President Wilson

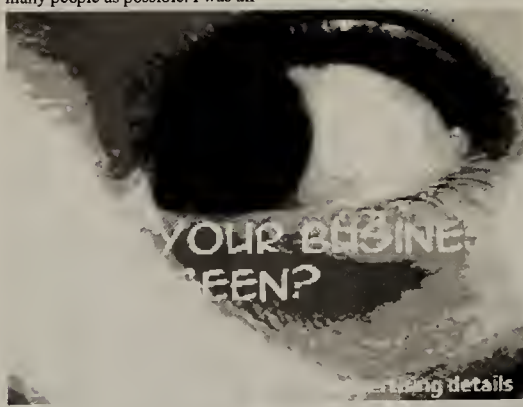
went to great lengths to silence anti-war sentiment. He went so far as to engage in a massive propaganda campaign, sign into law the most restrictive free speech legislation in US history, and approve the use of thugs to beat up dissenters. To think, people accuse President Bush of squelching free speech.

Another example of President Bush's liberal tendencies can be seen in his response to the current recession, for which he is being blamed. A true conservative would have tried to cut taxes and reduce government spending as Presidents Harding and Coolidge did when faced with depressions. President Bush, however, opted for the policies of liberal-progressives like Presidents Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt.

For example, when the Great Depression hit in 1929, Hoover's response was to use government to solve the problem. He initiated public works projects like the Golden Gate Bridge, and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and proposed a bank holiday. In short, he thought government spending could pull the nation out of depression.

When FDR won in 1932, he expanded the programs and relied on government to solve the problem. The economy did not recover until Dwight Eisenhower was president in the 1950s. When the economy began to slip into a recession last spring, President Bush's response was to use Big Government to stimulate the economy. The stimulus bills have gotten bigger but the problems have only gotten worse.

Now that the nation has welcomed a new president, discussions such as this one will be left to the historians. It is nearly impossible to adequately and fairly judge a president while he is still in office. However, this is my analysis of the Bush Presidency on this, the 2638 day since the last terrorist attack on American soil.



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LeVasseur to return to campus Award-winning performer to give April performance



By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

On April 15, musician Jason LeVasseur will return to PNC for another performance. The show will be performed from 11:30a.m.-12:45p.m. in room LSF 144.

This Indie musician has been recently named Campus Activities Magazine Readers' Choice Award 2008 Male Performer of the Year as well

as the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) 2008 Best Solo Performer.

LeVasseur's latest album, "Live in Lyndonville," was released in 2006 and is said to have "smart lyrics mixed with poignant arrangements" as seen in the January 2006 article from Campus Activities Magazine. LeVasseur has

opened for Dave Matthews Band, Maroon 5, John Mayer, The Roots, The Wallflowers, Ben Folds, Rooney, and other national acts. He has even had his songs appear in movies and video games.

On behalf of a LeVasseur performance, Jennifer Layton of Indie-Music.com wrote, "Audience members actually came up to this guy after gigs to share stories and ask for advice, according to another review in his press kit.

I can understand why. Jason LeVasseur has a bit of quiet, learned-the-hard-way wisdom in that drawing, weathered, warm voice of his. He writes about easily recognizable situations in language anyone can connect with."

For further information on the Jason LeVasseur, visit <http://www.myspace.com/jasonlevasseur>. Stay tuned for more announcements on the event!

Celebrating Martin Luther King Day Campus events commemorate memory of Civil Rights leader



By Aleah Turner
Contributor

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the well known civil rights activist of the 1960s, Purdue North Central hosted a Community Celebration Breakfast on Monday, January 19, 2009.

The annual breakfast began at 8 a.m. with a welcome speech from our very

own Chancellor Dworkin followed by a prayer from New Life AME Church's Reverend David Swann. Afterwards, guests were welcome to fill their plates from the buffet breakfast served by our chef extraordinaire, Keith Peffers. While

guests were enjoying their breakfast, they were treated to essay readings from local elementary and middle

school contest winners, a speech given by Judge Karen Freeman-Wilson titled "The Time is Right," songs from the Revival Center Choir, acknowledgments by made by Pat Carlisle, Chair of MLK Community Celebration Breakfast Committee, and a final benediction by Reverend William Fine from St. John's

United Church of Christ in Michigan City.

The event struck an important note for our guests on the eve of the Presidential Inauguration of our nation's 44th President of the United States and our country's first black president. Many of the guests were spirited and talked of change and the parallels between the late Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Barack Obama.

It gave a new meaning and energy to the crowd that early in the morning and with such unpredictable weather. Hope was the message that morning and I would like to leave you, my readers, with a message from Dr. King himself mentioned by our Chancellor: "Everybody can be great because everyone can serve... all you need is a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

From the office of the SGA President

By Jonathan Sichtermann
Web Editor

It is truly an exciting time to be a student at Purdue North Central. In September, the Purdue University Board of Trustees approved the construction of a new Student Services and Activities Complex. However, the construction of the new complex is by no means assured because of the state budgetary concerns.

For that reason the Student Government has formed a lobbying team to bring this issue before the General Assembly. We are currently circulating a petition among students that will eventually be sent to the offices of many members of both the House and Senate. Additionally, we are drafting letters detailing the importance of this building that will be sent to the same group of Senators and Representatives. Finally, we plan to meet with as many members of the General Assembly from Northwest Indiana as possible.

In short, the Student Government is planning to do everything in its power to help PNC get state funding for this

building. This constitutes our major initiative for the spring semester.

Having served on the steering committee charged with planning this complex, I can assure members of the General Assembly that this project will be shovel ready by the time the budget is finalized and will help alleviate La Porte County's 9% unemployment rate which is one point higher than the state average and two points higher than the national average. For these reasons we are optimistic about getting funding for the new complex.

In addition to our lobbying efforts, the Student Government is pleased to announce the creation of a new standing committee: the Student Leadership and Involvement Committee. This committee is charged with organizing and assisting in student-led community service programs. In today's troubled economic environment, the importance of a committee such as this cannot be overstated.

The new committee, known among students as

SLIC, is currently planning several events, most notably a project to provide much needed home repair to low income and elderly Northwest Indiana residents.

At its first meeting last week enthusiasm for this new committee was remarkable. Students who have shown no previous interest in joining campus organizations have joined SLIC. This committee will not only provide students with meaningful extracurricular activities, but also provide much needed services to those members of the community in the most need of assistance.

The enthusiasm surrounding SLIC is perhaps symbolic of a much larger trend. So far this year, the Student Government has approved 5 new clubs, including most recently the Multicultural Club, which aims to spread cultural awareness among students on campus.

These clubs are drawing students from around campus and show once again the need for more club office space that the Activities Complex would provide.

Finding the right path Trails are hidden campus treasure



By Cara Vukusich
Contributor

PNC might be a small campus compared to others, with only about 4,000 enrolled students, yet a smaller school could have some big things to offer.

A small school might mean smaller class size, more one on one with instructors, and cheaper tuition. However, the downfall of having a small school like ours is that it is a commuter campus, where very few students actually live in the student housing; therefore many consider PNC to lack one very important quality – more on campus activities that bring with them a sense of community. But while it might seem like there are fewer activities, it seems that one might just have to do a little digging to find them, literally.

Even though weather like we have been experiencing lately has been enough to ruin anyone's plans; our small campus has more to offer than meets the eye (but you might want to bring some snow shoes, or maybe just wait until spring).

A little known fact is that on the PNC campus are trails that span the entire length of the property. The main trails

are the Maple Grove Trail, almost a mile long, the Moraine Loop and Beech Forest Trail, each about half a mile in length, but those are just the main trails, there are several off-shoots as well.

I have to say that I struggled to find any information about the trails, searching the PNC website with no clear link. I found a map of the trails only by chance. I would like to take this moment to declare that there should be more available information about the trails to anyone who wants to know about campus activities, not just the PNC perimeter.

So, since we are such a small campus without the community-like setting of larger schools that house students, we have to find ways to create our own community. PNC's website must advertise benefits such as the Nature Trails, otherwise students who are looking for a small campus atmosphere, with less tuition to pay, but who also want a home away from home with a sense of community and plenty of activities, might choose another school, thinking they just might find the right path...elsewhere.

Human Resources Bachelor's Degree approved for PNC

PNC Press Release

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) has granted approval to Purdue University North Central for the College of Business to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources. PNC students will have the opportunity to enroll in these bachelor's degree classes for the Fall of 2009.

Purdue North Central now offers its students 18 baccalaureate programs.

This degree will allow graduates to sit for the national certification exam offered by the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI). According to Dr. Alan Krabbenhoft, dean of the PNC College of Business, increasing numbers of employers require their human resource personnel to have this certification. HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession. PNC alumni who previously earned an Associate degree in Organizational Leadership & Supervision will be able to continue their studies to earn the Bachelor's degree in Human Resources. Also, grad-

uates of the IVY Tech Community College Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration program may transition their degrees to the PNC Bachelor of Science in Human Resources program.

Research indicates that there is a high demand for human resource professionals in Indiana. According to "Hoosier Hot Jobs," a research report developed by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, employment, recruitment and placement specialists are considered one of the top 50 "hot jobs" in the state, with a projected 31 percent growth rate. The position of training and development specialist, which falls within the area of human resources, is ranked with a projected growth rate of 17 percent.

The U.S. Department of Labor also projects a growing demand for human resource professionals with employment projected to grow by 17 percent through 2016, faster than average for all occupations.

Further information on the PNC Bachelor's degree in Human Resources can be obtained by contacting the PNC College of Business at ext. 5263.

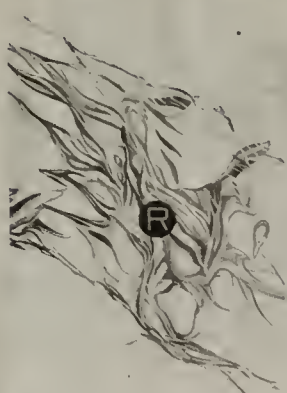
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Palaniuk's *Rant* reaffirms twisted mind Features trademark weirdness Chuck fans adore

Readers should certainly not forget *The Forgotten Man*



By Jessica Ring
Design Editor

If you know Palaniuk, chances are it's from his critically-acclaimed and cult-loved novel, *Fight Club*. Keeping in the same dark, humorous vein is *Rant: The Oral History of Buster Casey*. Published in May 2007, *Rant* has all the elements of a typical Palaniuk novel, but with decidedly more twists and turns. The storyline is harsh and unforgiving, and the "turns" are not so

much gentle curves in the storyline as blunt-force collisions. The story follows witness accounts of the life of the title character, Buster "Rant" Casey, a person the U.S. government has declared, "the most effective serial killer of our time." Childhood friends, parents, lovers, and simple bystanders all collaborate to piece together a portrait of what eventually grew to be one of the most powerfully dangerous people in America.

However, the beginning of the novel is misleading. The oral history progresses down a spiraling continuum of weirdness, integrating science fiction elements and dystopian societies. This is not a simple exercise in character building. It is difficult to delve into details without spoiling too much of the tightly-coiled storyline, but it is certainly more than meets the eye.

The book is both darkly

funny and gross, and the characters are all thoroughly repugnant in a way that intrigues the reader. Despite having black teeth, a wall decorated with dried snot, and a case of rabies, Rant manages to be the most desirable boy in his high school. His charisma allows him to continue this spread of disease, and for him to eventually be dubbed a "naturopathic" killer.

One can appreciate the novel being wonderfully weird for the sake of being weird, but it almost feels as if Palaniuk tries to fit too much into one novel. Squeezed into a preexisting story about a naturopathic hillbilly are elements of *The Matrix* (head ports), time travel, a society segregated by night and day, and a myriad of character introductions. Most of these elements are introduced in the last half of the book, causing the reader to pause and perhaps exclaim, "When the [expletive] did he do that?"

Rant is a good read overall with a fun style and interesting characters, with the only downside being that the storyline is a bit busy.

By Jon Sichtermann
Web Editor

The disastrous stock market crash of October 29, 1929, marked the start of the Great Depression in many people's minds and defined the remainder of the 20th century. Today many public figures are calling the current economic troubles the "worst since the Great Depression."

Those wishing to learn more about the Great Depression would be hard pressed to find a better book than Amity Shlaes' *The Forgotten Man* published in 2007.

Shlaes does a masterful job of telling the story of the Great Depression, complete with facts and figures but without the dry statistical recitation of a text book. Indeed, *The Forgotten Man* reads more like a novel than an historical account.

The book starts by outlining the economic policies of the Coolidge years. Shlaes counters the prevailing view that the economic prosperity of the 1920s was merely due to overly aggressive stock market speculation. Instead she points out that during the Coolidge years (1923-28), the upper tax rate was cut from 75% to 25%, unemployment shriveled from 5% to approximately 1%, and inflation adjusted earnings grew 16%. So pronounced was the economic prosperity of the day that even Democrats were supporting Coolidge's tax cuts by the end of his second term in office. The Progressive Movement, so powerful at the turn of the century, was all but abandoned.

For all the prosperity of that time, the seeds of trouble were also in Coolidge's Administration. Coolidge's two main economic advisors were Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover. While Mellon's tax cutting policies held sway as long as Coolidge was in office, it was Hoover who won the election of 1928. The new president was far more interventionist than either Mellon or Coolidge had been.

Shlaes debunks the popular myth that Hoover's hands-off approach led to the Great Depression by pointing out that in the early days of the depression the economy was no worse than it had been in the depressions of the early 1920s. It was only after Hoover disregarded Mellon's advice and intervened in the economy that the depression became "great". By forcing businesses to keep wages high and forcing them to keep spending when they did not want to, Hoover inadvertently brought on higher unemployment; by signing

the Smoot-Hawley Tariff, he inadvertently cut off foreign markets, forced foreign countries to retaliate and exported the depression; by assailing short-sellers he caused stock market speculators to eat their losses. These three actions according to Shlaes turned the panic into the Great Depression.

Despite these failures, Hoover continued to intervene in the economy. He created the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to help troubled banks, sought a bank holiday, and invested in public works projects such as the construction of roads and bridges. The result of all of this action was Hoover's landslide defeat in 1932 to Democratic challenger Franklin Roosevelt. Shlaes devotes considerable time to discussing how there were far more similarities in Hoover's and FDR's policies than differences, quoting Roosevelt aid Rex Tugwell as saying "The New Deal owed much to what [Hoover] had begun."

The majority of her book is devoted to the actions of President Roosevelt. She pays particular attention to the unintended consequences of FDR's well intended policies. For instance she devotes an entire chapter to the plight of the Schenecter brothers who owned a butcher shop in Brooklyn, NY.

The shop, along with thousands of other small businesses across the country, was shut down by the National Recovery Agency. The brothers, immigrants from Eastern Europe and barely literate, took their case to the court and against all odds, won their case in the Supreme Court. This David v. Goliath story is just one of many Shlaes uses to give a human touch to the Great Depression. While reading these accounts, the reader can almost picture the immigrant family spending all of their savings in an improbable attempt to save their business.

The Forgotten Man helps remind Americans that even the best intended government policies often can and do have disastrous side effects that create problems worse than those the policy was supposed to solve. This is not a partisan account; indeed Shlaes criticizes Democrats and Republicans alike for the problems of the Great Depression. This book serves as a clarion call to the elected officials of today to not rush to intervene in the economic downturn, lest the problems become exacerbated. Even more importantly, it serves to educate average citizens in an easily readable manner of the

The challenge of multiple personalities When *the Rabbit Howls* complies MPD experiences

By Eric Radulovic
Staff Writer

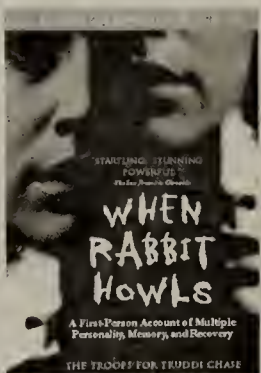
Ever imagine what it would be like to have multiple personality disorder? Just at about any point in a person's day they suddenly become a different person. At one moment they're just a regular good old fashioned real estate agent, then the next an angry Car salesman with a drinking problem. It's surreal to most people to even think about but there are a few different cases of people having a multiple personality both in fiction and in non-fiction.

From *Sybil* to Tyler Durden there are a lot of different cases of this disorder in popular culture. But in most cases the person with the disorder only has a few different personas. Now with that in mind, imagine what it would be like to have over a 100.

This is the bizarre reality that Truddi Chase has to live with.

She is living with at least 100 or more different personalities. And what makes her even more bizarre is the fact that she didn't even know it. What started out as a regular therapy session where she complained about loss of memory and time quickly turned into a harrowing journey for one woman into the depths of her past and the frightening reality of sharing her body with several other people.

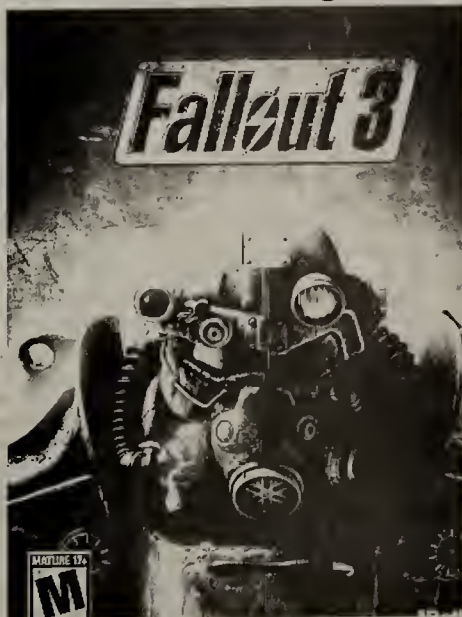
By far this Book is not for the faint of heart or those who cry easily, because the authors (The book was written by various different personalities all contributing) go in depth to explain the pain and horror of Ms. Chase's childhood. There are moments in this book that are utterly terrifying as well as brutally disturbing, as the slow unveiling of her past is revealed to her through the liberation of repressed memories. The reader is taken with Ms.



Chase into the nightmare world of her childhood and the frightening realism takes the audience into the mind of a four year old girl living through terrible abuse.

This Novel is an powerful glimpse into the darkest places in the human psyche, achingly honest and trusting this story is as frightening as it is heartbreaking.

'Fallout 3' dangerously addicting



By Jessica Ring
Staff Writer

Gamers, if you have not yet picked up *Fallout 3*, do so immediately. This Bethesda release features an immense post-apocalyptic world of almost unfathomable proportions. For reference, the official game guide is

over five hundred pages long!

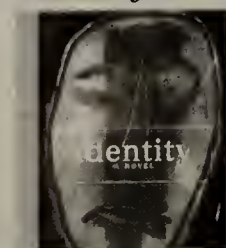
Fallout 3 is set some three hundred years in the future, and like all proper post-apocalyptic games, your character is a survivor of nuclear fallout. The game begins in the safety of an underground "vault" or bomb shelter, but you must inevitably

leave the safety of the vault and its tyrannical leader to find your father.

While there is a main storyline, there is not really a linear path that one has to take, which makes the game so interesting. The world itself is huge, with hundreds of places to explore. There are dozens of weapons and a leveling up system that makes one think very carefully. If all of the aforementioned details were not enough, there is also the karma factor. Each action in the game affects some future action, and devilish deeds like stealing and murder will earn poor karma, in turn receiving hostility from villagers and so forth. Good karma works conversely, and each "path" has its advantages and disadvantages.

The game clocks in around fifty hours of playtime with the main story and minimal side quests alone, and some accounts have reported well over a hundred hours with most or all of the side quests endeavored. However, the game is not as overwhelming as it sounds, and all of these systems work together smoothly to create a fun-filled, if not soul-crushingly addicting, game.

Identity: novella about love



By Cara Vukusich
Contributor

Walking along the sidewalk of a common street, drawing nearer to the crosswalk, suddenly a familiar face appears. The face evokes memories long since passed, a sudden and overwhelming feeling, but a good one.

Then, as the face draws nearer, it becomes less familiar until passing; the person is newly recognized, a stranger. A fleeting and mistaken glance proves responsible for dredging up fond old memories and simultaneously creating a whole new 'identity.'

Famed Franco-Czech author Milan Kundera has been well

known for his philosophical approach to life and love throughout the body of his works, but no better is this approach exemplified than in his novel entitled *Identity*. Once again Kundera reveals to us the ultimate fragility and false stability of life and love as we know them; the warming comfort of a lover's arms juxtaposed with the ultimate betrayal of a seemingly misguided gift.

Kundera explores the inner workings of the most intimate relationships, the apparent strengths and imposing weaknesses and what might be called the "solitary psychoses" of every person who has ever experienced love.

Identity proves that we all teeter on an invisible tight rope called circumstance when it comes to how we feel and act, but more so how we think we love, and at some point we all take on a new and unbearable role. In 168 short pages, Kundera encapsulates what it is to be betrayed but in love.



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

"None of this will be easy," President Barack Obama said in regards to the stimulus package that he recently signed into law. And Obama's prophetic words were proven true as the stock market slid further following the passage of the stimulus plan. The Dow Jones industrials fell 297.81 points, closing less than a point above their lowest level in five and a half years.

Although this is the biggest spending spree by the US government, President Obama said that the \$787 billion package would save or create 3.5 million jobs and create a balance between tax cuts and investment.

The stimulus package was a giant victory for Obama in less than one month into his presidency. But it has not been easy and President Obama mentioned that it would not get easier.

"The road to recovery will not be straight. We will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way."

The American people will begin to see the effects of the stimulus on their paychecks in the evidence of tax breaks that will total \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples.

Obama noted that this stimu-

lus was just "the beginnings of the first steps" to rescue the country out of the crisis that he inherited from former President George W. Bush.

White House press secretary, Robert Gibbs, when asked by reporters, did not rule out another stimulus, although he did say that another one was not in the works "at this point".

Republicans contend that the stimulus is filled with wasteful spending. But contention seems incorrect because money in the stimulus will be used to extend unemployment benefits, help with health care coverage, as well as job training opportunities.

Other earmarks include breaks for first-time home buyers, new car buyers, college students, poor families and people who make improvements to their homes with the use of energy efficient products. The stimulus plan also includes money for expanding computerized information technology in the health care industry, creating "green" jobs and improving the quality of kindergarten through 12th grade education.

It is not quite clear as to why Republicans would think that helping college students and children in public schools would be a waste of money.

"None of this will be easy. The road to recovery will not be straight. We will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way."

Reps hit airwaves to knock Dems

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

The National Republican Congressional Committee is going on the radio with ads blasting House Democrats for supporting the stimulus bill. The ads which will be aired in 30 districts from New Hampshire to Oregon, called the bill a "chockfull of wasteful Washington spending."

"Many of these very same Democrats who ran on a platform of fiscal responsibility now have the obligation to explain why they're willing to pile even more mountains of debt onto our grandchildren without regard for how middle-class families' hard-earned tax dollars will be spent," N.R.C.C. spokesman, Ken Spain said.

For quite some time, Democrats and liberal groups have relentlessly harassing Republicans for the party's reluctance to support the stimulus. Americans United for Change and several labor unions have been sponsoring radio and television ads on national cable television slamming Republicans.

The newly elected Republican National Committee party chairman Michael Steele said of the "so-called" stimulus bill, "This is our opportunity to stand strong, and let the American people know that we Republicans won't be a part of the Democrats' tax-and-spend schemes. And we won't cave to disastrous policies just for the sake of 'bipartisanship.'"

Israel and Palestine: A Separate Peace

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

Israel began withdrawing its troops from Gaza on January 19 with the aim of finishing before Barack Obama is inaugurated. Israeli officials hope to be done withdrawing troops by the time Obama is sworn in so that he would be able to concentrate on helping to rebuild Gaza and support a more moderate Palestinian leadership.

Hamas has started to reassert its control and is trying to help the Palestinians cope with destroyed homes, businesses and families. In the hardest hit areas bodies are still being uncovered and the death toll for the 23-day conflict that ended on Sunday is near 1,300. Israel on the other hand only suffered 13 casualties, three of them civilian.

Monday Hamas held its first news conference since the war began in front of a destroyed government compound.

"Israel has succeeded in killing everything except the will of the people," said Taher al-

Nunu, the main government spokesman. "They said they were going to dismantle the resistance and demolish the rockets, but after this historic victory, the government is steadfast, we are working and they were not able to stop the rockets."

Israeli President Shimon Peres visited wounded soldiers and assured them that they had achieved a military as well as a moral victory.

The separate cease-fire declarations by Israel and Hamas have opened the way for intensified international efforts to build a stronger sense of peace in the region. The main issue that will need to be addressed is the stopping arms smuggling into Gaza from the Egyptian Sinai and how to rebuild the economy. Other issues that will have to be dealt with include internal Palestinian divisions, tensions between Israel and the rest of the region and the eternal question of whether a Palestinian state can be created in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Right & Left: The Stimulus Debate



"Now, my administration inherited a deficit of over \$1 trillion, but because we also inherited the most profound economic emergency since the Great Depression, doing little or nothing at all will result in even greater deficits, even greater job loss, even greater loss of income, and even greater loss of confidence. Those are deficits that could turn a crisis into a catastrophe, and I refuse to let that happen."

By Jonathon Sichtermann
Web Editor

This is how President Obama framed the debate concerning the economic stimulus bill during his first prime time press conference. Many economists and politicians argued that this stimulus is necessary to stave off economic collapse. They said that without extreme measures the economy would slide into a second Great Depression. However, this is not the first time the federal government has attempted to right the ship in the past year.

Beginning in early 2008, the Bush Administration and Congressional Democrats felt that a stimulus payment was needed to prevent the economy from sliding into a recession. The Bush Administration signed into law a stimulus plan that provided millions of Americans with stimulus checks. These checks were intended to pump money into the economy and prevent an economic slowdown and widespread layoffs. However, at the time it was passed in February, 2008, unemployment was actually down slightly from the previous two months, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment ticked up to 5.1% in March but fell back to 5% in April. It was only in May, after the checks had been sent to taxpayers that unemployment

jumped to 5.5%. It has not fallen below that level since.

Government involvement in the private sector took on a new role in March when the Federal Reserve provided \$30 billion in credit to ensure that JP Morgan would be able to purchase the collapsing investment firm Bear Stearns. That \$30 billion outlay was only the first direct intervention on the part of the Federal Reserve and the Federal Government.

In September, the Federal Government teamed up with the Federal Reserve to spend \$375 billion dollars to take over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and bailout failed insurance giant A.I.G. and the auto industry. In October, the President signed the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) into law, which authorized the Treasury Department to spend \$700 billion in order to ease the problems on Wall Street. In November, the government bailed out Citigroup at a cost of \$247.5 billion, and spent another \$17.4 billion to bailout Chrysler and GM.

Even though each of these bailouts was supposed to help the struggling economy and prevent job losses, unemployment rose. Not only did it rise, but it rose at a much faster rate after the bailouts than it did before. In the first eight months of the year,

unemployment only rose 1.2%, but in just the final four months after the bailout frenzy began unemployment rose 1.1%. With so much money being thrown at the economy and the problems only worsening, how can more money be expected to solve the problem?

However, as President Obama pointed out in his press conference, most economists agree that this stimulus is needed, but not all. There are some economists who argue that interventions such as these bring about far more problems than they solve. They point that the government and Federal Reserve cannot pay for these expenditures and must print more money in order to meet their obligations, thereby causing inflation.

With the Federal Government and Federal Reserve having already thrown over a trillion dollars at this current problem, it would seem foolish to throw even more money at it. Granted, the money would be spent in a slightly different way (for infrastructure improvements instead of the purchase of toxic assets) but the end result would be the same. There would be more money pumped into the system by a government that is already deeply in debt, and less money available for private investment.

Retail sales up in January

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

After six consecutive months of declines retailers have experienced a rebound in sales and a rise of 1 percent. This was the result of spectacular deals to move inventory after a lackluster holiday season.

This gain came even as the government reported that jobless claims remained at levels that have not been seen in 30 years.

Given how far sales in retail have fallen since the summer, economists said the 1 percent increase was not cause for celebration and that numbers could

easily fall again next month.

In the month of January, sales at electronic and appliance stores rose 1.6 percent, sales at clothing stores also rose 1.6 percent, sales at grocery stores rose 2.2 percent and gas stations saw an increase of 2.6 percent.

Economists attribute the slight rise in sales to the deep discounts, longer hours and door-buster sales in stores.

The government's report follows a report by Retail Metrics, a research firm, which said retail sales industry wide fell 1.8 percent last month, with many pop-

ular department stores like Neiman Marcus, Saks and Nordstrom posting double digit declines. The report said that excluding Wal-Mart, sales would have been down 5.6 percent.

In another report the Labor Department said that first time unemployment claims dropped by 8,000, to 623,000. However, the four week average of jobless claims rose to a height not seen since 1982. Job losses were mainly seen in the form of layoffs in manufacturing and construction jobs.

Outlook 'Slim' for NYT, other print media

By Jonathon Sichtermann
Web Editor

In a shocking move, on January 21, Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim reportedly loaned the New York Times \$250 million at 14% interest in exchange for preferred stock shares. This move comes amid a stream of bad news for the New York Times and the entire print media industry.

While Slim's involvement in the Times is noteworthy, it is hardly unique. Reports indicate that former KGB agent Alexander Lebedev has nearly completed a deal with the prominent British newspaper the Evening Standard, which would give him a controlling interest in the paper.

Closer to home, the Chicago Tribune was purchased by millionaire Sam Zell in 2007. Since that time, Zell took Tribune Co. private and was forced to file for bankruptcy.

Purchases of high profile newspapers are emblematic of the troubles facing the print media

industry. In the case of Zell's Tribune and many other publications, the problems were brought on by a steep drop in ad revenue. This decline was due in part to a decline in readership and an increase in the popularity of online newspapers. It was also partially due to the economic slowdown.

While many publications have turned to private billionaires to bail them out, some have eyed a handout from the government. So far, this has been confined to small town papers seeking help from state governments, particularly in Connecticut. In that state, Rep. Frank Nicastro has supported aid in the form of tax credits and other financing plans to aid the Bristol Press, but stopped short of offering cash to struggling papers.

This form of assistance has sparked controversy, even though the aid is still confined

to the state level and directed at small papers. Those who oppose such action include Paul Janensch, who says "You can't trust a watchdog to bite the hand that feeds it." Janensch is a professor at Quinnipiac University.

On the other hand, Tom Fielder, dean of Boston University's College of Communication argues that "I truly believe that no democracy can remain healthy without an equally healthy press. Thus it is in democracy's interest to support the press in the same sense that the human being doesn't hesitate to take medicine when his or her health is threatened."

The problems faced by newspapers around the nation will not go away soon. While the idea of a government bailout is controversial, assistance will be needed if many papers are to remain in business.

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A-Rod busted for steroid use: Where are baseball's ethics?



By Tom Albano
Sports Writer

February 25, spring is in the air for Major League Baseball. All players are scheduled to report and begin their long hard road to success for the year. Fans from all over gather down in Florida and out west in Arizona to watch and listen to what their favorite players have to say about the up and coming year. Baseball is said to be timeless, however this past decade has magnified the fact that "times" have finally changed. Fans are not gathering in lines to get insight on their favorite team, but instead media is booming with questions surrounding scandals.

The congressional hearing of 2005 was just the beginning act. Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro, Miguel Tejada and several others marched up Capitol Hill to preach their athletic cleanliness to America's youth

and to Congress. Following this was the extensive investigation into Barry Bonds and BALCO. The Mitchell Report then surfaced shortly after, Roger Clemens followed suit with his former trainer Brian McNamee, and now baseball's greatest player, Alex Rodriguez, has just come clean with his use of performance enhancing drugs.

A game which was once focused around hard work, and goals orientated towards the post season, now has the type of hype of a popular soap opera. Our heroes are no longer pure as they once were. They now must undergo drug tests to verify that their talent, isn't anything more than 1/4 talent, and is not corrupted. These strict rules are now set in place to ensure fair play. Sadly, even this is not enough. Major league Baseball has a major ethical issue when it comes to their ballplayers and their use

of performance boosters.

Baseball is a game of three strikes and you're out! Drastic effects are changing the game that was once ruled by the boys of summer! Players who use performance enhancing drugs are cheating and it is unethical. Major League Baseball needs to do the correct thing before time runs out on America's once timeless past time.

All performance enhancing drugs, as well as supplements, once used by our ballplayers of today are harmful and cause serious side-effects to those who use them. For instance, ACTH, is used by many ballplayers to speed up the recovery of torn muscle tissue, but also causes high blood pressure, stomach problems, insomnia and even loss of bone mass. This is only the beginning though.

Steroid users can expect conditions such as balding, acne, high cholesterol, tumors, hallucination and even paranoia. Steroids are also extremely addicting to its users. However, it still does not stop here. Human Growth Hormone and designer steroids were said to be the top two choices when it came to juicing up. Their Side-effects range any where from dehydration to excessive bone growth in the face, hands and feet. By using these types of drugs, the ballplayer can go from fame to shame in little time.

The advantages steroids lend lasts only temporarily too, "But because there's so much money to

be made these days, guys are willing to pay the price now and will pay the piper later. I can understand it's a difficult choice for some players. They know it can take five years off their lives, but then they say, "OK, so I die when I'm 75 instead of 80", says Sporting News reporter Bob Nightengale. One could only imagine what one of these addicted athletes will end up like after years of use. The risks clearly do not payoff when a player begins to lose strength in tendons because of these side effects and can no longer recover from injuries because their tissue is too weak. Is the instant fame that performance enhancing drugs give, worth a shortened life? The questions do not stop there. Many wonder what effects the game itself will have.

Baseball's most outstanding records of all time are in jeopardy of being broken at record paces. The three top home run hitters of all time, the holy trinity as they are referred to for the last 35 years, include Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays. That milestone was broken just two years ago as Barry Bonds belted his way to the top. Bonds reached the milestone with his personal trainer, Greg Anderson, under indictment for the illegal distribution of steroids and human growth hormone (HGH). The San Francisco Chronicle reported in 2004 that federal agents discovered that Bonds was among the athletes who received those substances from Anderson.

With the games top athletes consuming performance enhancing supplements, no longer can we appreciate the authenticity of new milestones. No one will ever truly know whether these accomplishments are clean and legit anymore. Mark McGwire getting black-balled in the Hall-of-Fame voting, earlier this year, is a perfect indication. Sports writers don't know whether he ethically belongs among the game's greatest. Most believe his achievements are now tainted do to these substance uses. What will this mean for other Cooperstown bound superstars caught juicing, (Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds, and now Alex Rodriguez)?

Performance enhancing drugs in Major League Baseball need to be abolished, says commissioner Bud Selig, but I say so should all records achieved by these new found users. They surely would not receive my vote as a writer. Chemically enhancing ability is not right, and it's not providing a level playing field for all players. It is clearly unethical to the game, players and fans. Not to mention it sends the wrong message to millions of children who idolize these players. That may just be the most unethical practice of them all. Performance enhancing drugs are not good for the game, its remarkable history, or future. Major League Baseball has a responsibility to take charge and clean up the sport. The necessary measures need to be taken before it is too late!

2009 PNC Panther preview for baseball season



The Purdue North Central baseball team is looking forward to an exciting 2009 season. With a challenging schedule, including trips to California and Florida the Panthers hope to blend a mix of veterans and talented newcomers into a formidable team.

The Panthers open their season with a four game series versus nationally ranked California Baptist University on Jan. 29 th in Riverside, CA. PNC hopes to use this opportunity to get away from the cold, snow and gymnasium to measure their development on a real field.

When they return the Panthers will be back in the gym for a month before playing 12 games in Clearwater, Florida on their annual spring break trip. PNC, picked to finish 3 rd of 11 teams in the CCAC, opens conference play on March 20 th. The University of St. Francis (ranked 13 th) and St. Xavier (ranked 33 rd) are projected to finish first and second.

The Panthers recently completed the best three year stretch in program history from 2006-2008 finishing 32-20, 28-21 and 28-22. During this time PNC increased their win total in the difficult Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference from 11-9, to 13-8 to last year's 14-6, the most wins in CCAC history.

In fact, the Panthers are the number one NAIA baseball program (11 programs) by winning percentage in the state of Indiana the last three years and 8 th overall of 32 programs in the state at any level.

This year PNC will look to several returning veterans to lead

the way. The Panthers return seven starters in the field but will have many spots to fill on the mound.

In the outfield the Panthers return two starters in senior rightfielder Dave

Dickerson and junior leftfielder Mike Zolper. Dickerson, a three-year starter, batted .341 with 4 home runs, 8 2B's, 3 3B's and 33 RBI while adding 10 stolen bases. Zolper hit .326 with 1 HR, 4 2B's and 11 stolen bases while knocking in 15 runs.

Taking over in centerfield will be senior Chris Schultz. Schultz was an All-Region performer last year at first base, batting .445 with 8 HR, 10 2B's, 5 3B's and 48 RBI, despite missing eight games.

The competition in the outfield is strong with returners Mark Myszkowski (jr.) and John Bugajski (so.) expected to make major contributions and push for starting time. Myszkowski made significant contributions last season in a utility role and batted .296 in 63 plate appearances with 13 RBI while playing all the outfield spots, second base and catching. Bugajski had a strong contribution as a freshman, batting .278 (10 for 36) with 8 RBI and 6 SB's.

In the infield the Panthers will return everyone from last year but have to replace Schultz who transitioned to the outfield. With several solid newcomers the Panthers expect competition and a deep infield.

Leading the way will be senior shortstop John Selman, who won the CCAC gold glove award for his steady play. Selman also batted .320 with 3 HR's, 9 2B's, 24 RBI and added 17 BB's. Sophomore Nate Hall expects to see a lot of time as well with both players being very versatile. Hall had just started playing on a consistent basis last season before

hurting his ankle. He still managed a .256 average in 45 plate appearances and has the ability to make a spectacular play at any time.

Sophomore R.J. Zambrano returns at third base but is competing with freshman Jeff Strbjak for the starting job. Zambrano batted .317 in his rookie season with 20 RBI and 11 stolen bases. Strbjak brings a big bat to the line-up and comes from one of the top high school programs in the state in Andrean HS.

Senior Chris Cappello returns at second but is competing with junior Sean Baker who sat out last season. Cappello brings a steady glove and an improved bat to the lineup, batting .266 with 14 RBI after earning a starting role last season. Baker is versatile and can play anywhere for PNC and looks to contribute a solid bat.

First base is expected to be manned by junior college transfer Greg Feltner who will step into the middle of the order with a capable left-handed stick. Feltner transferred in from Danville Area CO and had a strong season last year despite recovering from a shoulder problem.

With four strong catchers, catching appears to be a position of solid depth for PNC. Returning junior Adam Kennedy handled the bulk of the catching last year and batted .267 with 9 2B's, 1 HR and 17 RBI while adding 16 BB's. He is expected to be pushed by freshmen Brian Altgilbers and Jeff Gaston. Both are sound receivers while Gaston appears to have an edge with the bat. Baker is also a proven catcher and can fill in at anytime if necessary.

Other positional players fighting for time include junior Jay McCauley and freshmen Jerry Vasile, Shane Breitke and Kevin Zolper. McCauley has had limited experience in his first two years while the freshmen are looking to contribute when given the opportunity.

On the mound the Panthers will rely on a motley mix of seniors and freshmen with only two juniors and no sophomores.

Seniors Ryan Curless and Casey Young look to lead the staff

after making major contributions as juniors. Curless finished 2-4 with a 6.31 ERA in 41.1 innings pitched while striking out 37. Opponents batted just .273 verses him as he faced some of the teams' strongest opponents.

Young finished 3-3 with a 4.12 ERA in 43.2 innings. Opponents batted just .277 against him as he struck out 19 and threw two shutouts.

Senior Andrew Dahman looks to return to form from his sophomore year when he finished 4-1 with a 2.79 ERA in 39.1 innings. Last season he finished 2-1 with a 6.21 ERA in 29 innings.

Senior Jon Charlson and Dan McCauley look to lead the way out of the bullpen. Charlson will expand on his leading role out of the bullpen after making 13 appearances last season and finishing 3-1 with a 3.38 ERA. McCauley is returning from injury and looks to make an impact in his final season.

Finally, Schultz will be a two way player and make contributions on the mound when not manning the outfield. Last season he was 4-1 with a 3.86 ERA in limited action. In 25.2 innings pitched he struck out 27 while walking 13.

Kevin Scott is the lone junior returning with experience and finished 3-2 with a 4.95 ERA last year. The big righty struck out 7 and walked 4 in 36.1 innings of work. Jesse Cartagena is the other junior returning and had limited action in his first two seasons.

The talented freshmen class will have to make an immediate impact in order for PNC to have a successful season. The class is led by Tony Hoolehan and R.J. Legel. Hoolehan is another member from the strong Andrean program and Legel played for coach Tony Harris at Hammond Gavit HS.

Three other freshmen are expected to make major contributions as well. Shane Prance from Portage HS, Kyle Ferber from Boone Grove HS, and Matt Immhausen, also from Andrean. Prance and Ferber are expected to make

appearances as spot starters and in relief while Immhausen will be used strictly out of the bullpen.

Freshmen Tyler Nader and Evan Walter are expected to make contributions, as are two-way players Myszkowski and Feltner.

The Panthers must overcome the loss of several players who led the program's turnaround and became the first to finish four seasons with a winning record.

The Panthers lost seven student-athletes to graduation, including positional players Jake Pierce, Chris Stocker and Nestor Allende and pitchers Scott Marks, Brian Phillips, John Lackinger and Tom Albano.

Pierce kick-started the Panthers from the lead-off spot batting .348, (55 of 158) with 22 RBI, 7 2B's and 19 SB's while playing a stellar centerfield. Stocker concluded a standout career batting .331 with 4 HR, 41 RBI, and 13 2B's from the clean-up spot. Allende struggled after a thumb injury and saw limited action before heading off to law school.

On the bump the Panthers will have to overcome major losses including PNC's all-time wins and saves leader Albano. Albano finished 3-3 with 9 saves and a 3.81 ERA while punching out 49 in 54.1 innings. Phillips led the team in innings pitched the last two seasons and finished 6-4 with a 4.15 ERA in 69.1 innings. Lackinger had a solid year out of the pen with a 1.98 ERA in seven appearances while Marks finished 2-2 with a 5.95 ERA in 19.2 innings.

The Panthers will once again be coached by John Weber who is entering his fifth season for PNC. After inheriting the program with just 16 eligible players in October 2004 he has led the program to new heights.

Weber will be assisted by second year coaches Steve Plucinski and Dan Martin and first year coach Mitch Heinemeyer. Plucinski will oversee the pitchers and coach first base while Martin and Heinemeyer will oversee the hitters.

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Super Bowl XLIII Steelers take Cardinals in game

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

For those who have not heard, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII. The most winning NFL team for Super Bowl success had landed their 6th win out of 7 attempts to the bowls. With a cat-and-mouse lead throughout the game, the final score ended in 27-23 Steelers.

The coin toss flipped as heads, and the Cardinals kicked off the ball to start the game. As veterans to the Super Bowl intensity, the Steelers were ready for action. The team charged their opponent setting the pace. Steelers' kicker #3 Jeff Reed had an 18 yard field goal with 9 plays and 71 yards which put the score on the board. Pittsburgh had set the tone.

In the second quarter, Steelers running back #33 Gary Russell scampered in from 1 yard out landing them the first touchdown of the game. The path to the victory took 11 plays and 69 yards. However, that was not the only touchdown for the Steelers in the second quarter. Outside line backer #92 James Harrison scored with a 100 yard interception return. The Cardinals also saw their first touchdown for the quarter with tight end #89 Ben Patrick's catch of a 1 yard pass from quarterback #13 Kurt Warner.

The Cardinals scoring drive saw 9 plays and 83 yards. The third quarter saw as little action as the first for both teams.

The Cardinals ceased to score, and the Steelers saw their chance through a field goal. Reed saw the 21 yard field goal with 16 plays and 79 yards. However, the fourth and final quarter of the game, the Cardinals saw their chances to put some points on the scoreboard.

Wide receiver #11 Larry Fitzgerald saw the 1 yard pass from Warner and drove with 8 plays and 87 yards. The penalty on Steelers center #62 Justin Hartwig allowed for a sack enforced in the end zone for a Safety. In a final attempt for the win for the Cardinals, Fitzgerald saw the 64 yard pass from Warner and drove 2 plays with 64 yards for the touchdown.

The Cardinals did not let the Cardinals success enable them from the title. MVP Wide receiver #10 Antonio Holmes caught the 6 yard pass from quarterback #7 Ben Roethlisberger and drove 8 plays with 78 yards for the winning touchdown. Roethlisberger has won two championships in his first five NFL seasons. Super Bowl XLIII

It was just another notch in the Steelers belt. Perhaps fans will see them return for Super Bowl XLIV.

plastic, aluminum, etc. are all permitted.

Cafeteria staff receives over 100 boxes of new shipment each week. The amount of recyclable items is so abundant that the staff unloads both a morning load and an evening load for recycling. The staff ensures that they are conservative in their use of materials.

They do not use plastic in terms of storing food and instead opt for washable metal. The utensils are biodegradable so they can easily be broken down in landfills. Plastic containers are also biodegradable and come from Greenware, 100 percent renewable guaranteed. The staff is so conservative that they even reuse the yellow papers that customers fill out for sandwich orders.

In reference to your lifestyle and willingness to comply with the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle), remember this quote by Henry Davis Thoreau—"Thank God men cannot fly, and lay waste the shy as well as the earth."

Director of Academic Advising Barbara Austin- "Discovering Your Strengths"

Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision Ronald Brownie- "Employee Career Development Using Individualized Performance Appraisals"

Adjunct Professor of Business Ethics Gay Lyn Birkholz- "The Ethical Leader"

Other Campuses participating are Purdue Calumet, Valparaiso University, Indiana University Northwest, Ivy Tech Community College, St. Joseph's College of Indiana, and College of St. Joseph.

Black History Month has arrived

By Karen Maftin
Contributor

Eighty years ago a man was born; a man who would change the minds of many. This man was Martin Luther King Jr. Without him civil rights as we know it may not exist or be as prominent as it is today. As we have honored Martin Luther King Jr. this month and we head into February, which is Black History Month, everyone needs to be aware of a few facts about Black History Month.

This remembrance was first started in 1926 by a historian, Carter G. Woodson. Woodson was the son of former slaves and also the second African American to receive a degree from Harvard University.

During his college time, Woodson decided to get his fraternity to adopt the Negro History Week, which later became Black History Month. After his death in 1950, Woodson's creation of Negro History Week went on to become adopted by many cities and businesses.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which Woodson also founded, changed Negro History Week to Black History Month in 1976. Part of the aim of Black History Month is to recognize significant contributions to society made by black slaves and how their history is integral to mainstream narratives.

It demonstrates how all

peoples contribute to a culture. The Associate for the Study of African American Life and History continues to do much research in regards to learning more about the African American history and culture in order to make their findings public and educate the rest of the nation.

In honor of Black History Month, there will be readings by Dr. Rose's English 257, Black American Literature, class and Alpha Mu Pi, the International English Honor Society. This event will take place on February 23, 2009. More information will be posted concerning time and place. Anyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the readings that will be performed.

own blood, was found lying amongst the six other corpses. Police had rushed the unconscious victim to the hospital in hopes that the possible lead would recover in time for the investigation to prevail, but with the return of his wake, the victim was shy of answers.

"I'm not gonna talk," Gusenberg told authorities before he lay down once again, this time to meet his death.

Police were subjected to return to the scene of the crime to try to piece together the infamous murder and close the file on the case. It was concluded that two members of Capone's gang disguised themselves as two uniformed policemen staging an arrest as they entered the S.M.C. garage.

As soon the men entered the scene, two plain clothed men entered with guns and did the job. The killers drove away into the night, and due to the staged policemen entering the scene previously, witnesses in the neighborhood hesitated to call authorities because they had been misinformed or better yet, "tricked."

The most mysterious conclusion of the Massacre was in fact, the lack of a conclusion. Al Capone was never charged for the crime; the mysterious men were never identified. In reference to the deadly events, Capone was rumored to have

of Al "Scarface" Capone's South Side gang and possibly other outside accomplices. Rivals Capone and Moran fought for the title of Chicago's most infamous gangbanger of that time. During the height of the prohibition era, these gangsters both partook in underground gambling, prostitution, and bootlegging which led to more power throughout the Chicago-land area.

Even though he claimed to have been in Florida at the time of the Massacre, Capone was the greatest suspect. With a fortune estimated to be \$60,000,000, Capone certainly had a major motive in terms of being the sole ruler of all the northwest area.

When the police arrived at the scene, only one survivor had been found. Gangbanger Frank Gusenberg, breathing heavily and choking on his

February 14th marks the day of love, but it has a much darker history than just the influence of the conspicuous Cupid. On this date in 1929, Chicago's Italian South Side battled the Irish North Side in one of the deadliest murders in American history, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

On February 14th, 1929, six members of George "Bugs" Moran's North Side gang as well as non-gang member Dr. Reinhardt H. Schwimmer, were lined up against a wall of the garage of the S.M.C. Cartage Company in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago's North Side, Bugs' territory.

Within moments, the men were ordered to face the wall when they were instantly shot to death in a brutal attack by what was said to be members

The Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education is offering a non-credit Chinese language class.

Beginning Chinese will teach students to the Chinese language. This class will work on conversational skills, study the art of Chinese writing and discuss Chinese culture.

This course will be offered at the PNC Westville campus on Tuesdays, March 3 to April 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. The course fee is \$199 and an additional book fee of \$29 is required.

PNC Scrap Book Making and Card Design Class

Westville - Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will offer a non-credit course in "extreme scrap

booking."

"Extreme Scrap Booking- Handmade Albums" will meet at the PNC Westville campus on Wednesdays, March 11 to 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. The registration fee is \$99, scrap booking materials are included in the registration fee and a minimal supply list will be furnished at time of registration.

The focus of this course is handmade albums. Participants will explore new techniques and learn how to make an "explosion box," along with techniques to make professional albums, including journaling; the different kinds of albums; photo cropping and how to use embellishments.

PNC Offers Class on Electronic Voice Phenomena

Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will offer a non-credit course about Electronic

Voice Phenomena (EVP).

"Paranormal EVP" will meet Wednesdays, March 4 to 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at PNC - Porter County at 600 Vale Park Road in Valparaiso.

This unique program will give students an understanding about paranormal research that concerns unexpected voices found in recording media or "spirit voices" that are said to manifest themselves in audio recordings. This was depicted in the movie "White Noise."

For more information, to register for these classes, or to receive information on other Continuing Education courses, contact the Office of Continuing Education, ext. 5343, or visit www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.

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Career Development, Center for Service Learning & Leadership available to Students

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

Purdue University North Central has recently opened the Center for Service Learning & Leadership. The concept for the center came about in 2005 and a blue ribbon committee was formed. In the fall of 2007, the center came to fruition after funding from the Indiana Campus Compact.

The goal of the center is to help faculty and students enhance education through leadership and service learning. The goals of the CSLL are noted in the mission statement which is "to provide access to comprehensive student leadership training and experiential learning opportunities for all PNC students in accordance with their interests, abilities and needs. Programs will be designed to maximize students' leadership skills and opportunities to encourage increased campus and community engagement while, at the same time, preparing students as future leaders within their professions and within their communities."

Currently the CSLL is working with professors to integrate service learning into their coursework. Also, the CSLL is creating leadership opportunities for students like the LEAD '09 leadership conference.

The CSLL will soon open the doors to a resource center for students. The resource room will be shared with the office of Career Development and will have computers and other resources available for students to utilize.

In the fall of 2009, the CSLL hopes to have workshops for students to enhance their leadership abilities. Also in the future the Service Learning Coordinator Laura Weaver said that the center is looking into creating a service learning course similar to the Disney College Program.

The Center for Service Learning & Leadership is creating an advisory board and is looking for students to serve on various committees. Anyone with questions should contact Laura Weaver, Service Learning Coordinator at (219)785-5742 or at laweaver@pnc.edu.

Career Development

The office of Career Development has been reinvigorated by the new director Natalie Connors. Connors is a Ball State grad who worked for nine years in a human resource manager position, also worked in a Fortune 500 company hiring and training new hires.

"I enjoy working at PNC because it allows me to do all of the fun things, like training and developing, and none of the bad things, like disciplining and firing," Connors said.

Career Development can help students find jobs available with certain majors.

Career Development can help students to find job shadowing opportunities, internships, externships and co-ops.

Career Development can also help students who are near graduation with building resumes, readying students for job interviews and networking.

"Career Development is a resource center for students to create a four year plan that aligns academic goals with experience in field which would in the end; make a student more marketable to employers," Connors said.

The month of April is going to be very busy for the Career Development office. On April 1, they are hosting a Nurses Day. On April 20 there will be a Resume Roundup. The Roundup will have human resource officers and recruiters from ten to 20 different professions. The human resource officers and recruiters will be available to review resumes and give hints and tips to students to improve their resumes.

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Connors also has plans for a combined career and internship fair for fall 2009. This

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ASL Club Wins 2009 Purdue Focus Award

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

The Purdue University North Central American Sign Language Club was presented with the 2009 Focus Award presented by Purdue University. The Focus Awards are presented to one faculty member, one staff employee, one student and one organization. The awards are presented each March, to coincide with Disability Awareness Month, to those affiliated with Purdue who have made outstanding contributions in the area of disability accessibility and diversity.

The American Sign Language Club is an extremely active student club on campus. Its members work to promote a greater awareness of ASL among PNC students. The ASL Club holds silent lunches, silent dinners, game nights and silent coffees.

The ASL club also organizes many events for children, both deaf and hearing. The ASL Club sponsors a summer program called "Let Your Star Shine" which has activities for children to learn about ASL and participate in games and other activities.



ASL club from left to right- Advisor Karen Donah, Angela Cain, Alex Taylor, Stacey Gibson, Mary Mumau, and Joyce Taylor

The club raised money to pay the tuition of a local deaf child to attend Camp Willard, a summer camp for deaf and hard-of-hearing children, sponsored by the Indiana School for the Deaf for Deaf. They also offer an annual spring retreat at the Indiana School for the Deaf, presented by the Indiana Chapter of Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Besides promoting the education of ASL the ASL Club is also a tool for learning about careers related to ASL. ASL club vice president Stacey Gibson has learned about the career of an inter-

preter. "That would be my dream job. I could work for an agency or a school or I could even do freelance interpreting work," Gibson said.

When the ASL club received the Focus Award Gibson, club advisor Karen Donah and club historian Alex Taylor traveled to West Lafayette and received the award.

"We were really happy and honored to receive the award," said Gibson.

For more information about the ASL club and to learn how to join, visit their website at www.aslclub.info.

Flat Rate Tuition in PNC's Future

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

There have been many changes to Purdue University North Central in recent history. There has been the addition of many different degree programs and a growth in the student body.

PNC may soon change and join a large group of other colleges like Penn State, Ohio State, Texas A & M and Colorado that charge a flat rate for tuition. The single rate would apply to students taking 12 to 18 credit hours. Students taking less than 12 credit hours would continue to pay the a la carte price where they would pay by the credit hour.

Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services Lawrence Barrett believes that the change over to the flat rate tuition system would benefit the student body in many ways. Barrett believes that the best benefit would be students would be encouraged to take more than 12 credit hours per semester and therefore they would complete their degrees on time.

"Now with students only taking 12 credit hours, it takes students about six years to

complete their degrees," Barrett said.

Barrett also believes that the flat rate tuition system would help alleviate some of the costs associated with college. Barrett has worked out the costs for students taking only 12 credit hours over six years and compared that to the costs for students taking more than 12 credit hours and graduating in four years and found that the difference is about \$7,000.

"With students taking longer to complete their degrees they loose out on federal grants after four years then they have to pay more out of pocket or take out more loans," Barrett said.

Besides helping students the switch to a flat rate tuition system would help PNC attract more students and the student body would grow. In turn, a larger student body would lead to the possibility of additional programs.

The idea for flat rate tuition at PNC is still being studied and all costs and repercussions are being discussed before it is put into place. "Flat rate tuition is about two years away, we are still researching," Barrett said.

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Commentary

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Apathy, a cold student body Round Two



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

In last month's paper I wrote an editorial that I hoped would spark a spirited debate throughout the campus, (in case you did not read the February issue of *The Voice* then I urge you to do so as soon as possible). However, if you don't have the time to pick up the last issue I will give you a brief synopsis.

I wrote about how I had seen apathy in the students at PNC first hand. I then discussed possible reasons for the lack of student involvement. First I thought that perhaps students did not have time; however I soon dismissed that because I have a full time job, take 15 credit hours and am involved in campus activities.

Then I pondered the fact as to whether enough faculty to support the interests of the student body. Again I dismissed that after speaking to faculty about the subject.

The last reason that I thought of that perhaps was the cause of apathy among students was because students do not know how to get involved. Again that was dismissed because I noted the newspaper, posters and emails that students see on campus.

At the end of my editorial I came to the conclusion that the reason that students are not more involved on campus was because they were selfish and lazy. Perhaps was a little harsh and perhaps even unwarranted, as many

of the naysayers who have commented on my editorial believe, but it is my own personal opinion and therefore I stand by it.

When I wrote this editorial, I did not think that I would receive any comments; I even said that "if I receive some flaming emails from students that read this that completely refute my beliefs then I will recant. However, I think that it is safe to say that I will probably not have to do that because of apathy." Thankfully my goal was achieved; I have received many comments both positive and negative in regards to my editorial however, I have thought long and hard about this situation of apathy and I still stand by my initial conclusion, that students were not involved because they are lazy and do not care. Perhaps I am oversimplifying the situation but I cannot change what I believe just because it maybe a minority opinion. However, I feel that in saying this that it is my duty as an editor to represent the other views on this subject. I will use some of the comments that I have received to do this.

"My comment is addressed to Lyndsie Daikhi the author of *Apathy: A Cold Student Body*. I had a chance to read your article and I believe that it represents an unfair, over simplistic and general view of why students do not join clubs and activities. Although it is admirable that you are passionate about the clubs and indeed an active member, students decide not to join clubs for reasons more than pure laziness. I am a senior with a 3.97 GPA and have participated in two clubs. From a career point of view, the clubs do very little to boost your resume unless you are an officer or really rack in sales from various fundraisers. In addition, the clubs I have seen do little more than fundraisers to stay alive and minor dinners and events. Also, there are more than just freshmen here at this campus. Not everyone "hangs out with their friends" after campus. People have jobs, families to care for, and volunteer activities at other places. In addition,

just because people are not in clubs, doesn't mean they do not participate in other volunteer activities as you implied in your article. Also, you even admitted in your article that most of the presidents of the clubs themselves did not show up at your meeting to discuss a solution to the problem. If the very leaders of the clubs are showing apathy, how do you expect them to root it out of the rest of the student body. All in all, for you to bluntly assume that everyone in the student body that is not in a club is lazy or selfish is unfair, uninformed, and undeserved. I don't mean to be harsh but I hope that you can understand other people's viewpoints and situation in this matter."

Another student opinion follows:

"I am going to take a wild guess and speculate that since you work full time and carry a full load, you do not get much sleep. Perhaps you do not exercise, eat well, keep in contact with your family, have a social life, attend religious services or affirm your spirituality, have two jobs, have small children, must cook for a family daily, have transportation difficulties, money issues, or work evening/night shifts. These are some of the things students are facing, in this nontraditional commuter college, and there is nothing wrong with that. Not everyone has a 9-5 job and a perfect life. I am surprised that you, being a manager, do not realize that in this rough economy, time can equal money. Giving back is nice when you have the time, money, and energy. Though I am not in my 20's, I would venture to guess some significant percentage of students here have at least one situation listed above. Perhaps you need a reality check, and instead of blaming, start thinking of alternative activities in which students might be willing to participate. *By the way, spell check and grammar check are handy items to use before submission."

Another opinion follows:

"I agree with both sides in this case. I take 15 credit hours and always receive A's with maybe one B. I work very hard to keep my grades up. As soon as I walk out of my classes, I become a full time stay at home mother to my two year old son. We have dinner with his grandparents once a week to maintain a close family connection, I work on his school curriculum with him, and I am teaching him Spanish on the side. His education became a priority for me, and my social life was pushed to the side. I know several of my friends at school are the same way. We take care of our families, homes, animals, and try to maintain contact with friends in spare time. (If that ever happens) But I also see several students who don't work, never have homework done, and show a general disinterest in attending classes. It frustrates me that I have such a full schedule and wish I had more time to dedicate to school and they have all the time in the world to spend doing nothing. Lyndsie's frustrations are shared by many; however, I believe that the actions of few are being portrayed as the actions of all. Most of us are genuinely busy people who have outside lives that dominate our time"

The opposing views that were represented here are not complete therefore, I urge you to visit *The Voice* website at www.thepncvoice.com. I also urge you to comment and discuss how you feel about the subject and perhaps even suggest some possible solutions to apathy among students. This was my true goal to initiate a campus-wide discussion.

Involvement Improves the Resume



By Jonathon Sichtermann
Web Editor

It seems as though my colleague Lyndsie Daikhi stirred up a hornet's nest in last month's edition when she opined that students at PNC are apathetic. Never one to sit on the sidelines during a good debate, allow me to state my views on this matter.

There seem to be two counterarguments to the editorial. The first is that PNC's many nontraditional students have family and work obligations that prevent them from becoming active in campus clubs and organizations. The second counterargument is that students should not bother to become involved because involvement adds nothing to a student's resume. While I know several nontraditional students who balance work, classes, family, and campus involvement, I will focus my editorial on the latter counterargument.

To say that campus involvement adds nothing to a resume is completely inaccurate. While an employer will certainly look at an applicant's GPA, the employer will also look for evidence of teamwork and communication skills. These skills, known as "soft skills" cannot be taught in the classroom. Rather, they can be

acquired through practice. One of the best places to practice these skills is in clubs and organizations.

By working together with other students in an organization to accomplish a task, even if it is as minimal as a fundraiser, a student learns how to work in a team, how to effectively communicate in meetings, how to budget revenues and expenses, and how to divide work among members of the group. These skills add nothing to a resume?

Perhaps a personal example will help illustrate this point. As a freshman, I was quiet and reserved. I hated speaking in front of groups, I was too nervous about the quality of my writing to apply for the newspaper, and in meetings I almost never said a word. Over the next four years, I have become involved in seven different clubs and organizations. Today, as co-editor of this newspaper I write weekly articles and monthly editorials. As Student Government President, I not only lead the weekly meetings, but also make monthly presentations to the Faculty Senate and a speech to the University Board of Trustees. I would never have had the self-confidence to do any of these things without the experience I gained in my first three years of involvement on campus, regardless of my classroom experiences.

Given all of this, it seems clear that campus involvement can substantially enhance a resume. I know this to be true from my experience in applying to law school. I can say unequivocally that in the case of law school applications, and with reasonable certainty in regards to job applications, that an applicant with a 3.91 GPA and considerable extracurricular involvement is more attractive than an applicant with a 3.97 GPA and little involvement.

2009 Chicago Auto Show Brings new Cars to the Table

By Karen Martin
Contributor

Each year, more and more cars are being bought. To compensate for the amount of cars that are being bought, car companies are producing just as many to keep up with demands. In 2007, Ford made over 6.5 million automobiles worldwide. To make that many vehicles, there were 245,000 people employed with the Ford Motor Companies at 100 facilities and plants. Last year in 2008, General Motors (GM) produced over 8.3 million cars and trucks globally. Some of the more well known brands of GM are Buick, Chevrolet (Chevy), GMC, Hummer, Cadillac, and Pontiac. There are plenty more brands that GM owns, those are just a few.

On top of producing the cars to keep up with demands, they are also trying to upgrade each vehicle for the next years round of "new" cars. Even more than that, each company in itself is working on coming up with new concept cars, hybrid cars, and electric cars. How do most people find out about the vehicles that a company has? The internet is a good resource; however, you cannot test drive a vehicle or truly find out what it is like unless you see it in person. The internet is just good for finding out specs. So, you go in person to a dealership and find out everything about the

car you are looking for. That's good too. However, there is another way to find out what cars are going to be sold in the coming months. The Annual Chicago Auto Show.

This year, there were incredible cars to be drooled over. It was located at the McCormick Place off of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Dodge focused their floor showing on their trucks. Every size, type and style was available to look at. They even had a truck cut in half in order for you to see exactly what is going on underneath and inside of the truck that you purchase. Ford, Chevy, Jeep and all the others had their new additions as well as their upgraded oldies but goodies.

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PNC hosts second annual Financial Aid Marathon

Students learn valuable financial aid information

By Kayla Mrozinske
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In its second year, PNC hosted the Financial Aid Marathon from 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28-3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. Originally started by Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services Lawrence Barrett, the event was open to prospective and continuing PNC students and parents who needed assistance with their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). 200 people attending which nearly doubled last year's amount. 94 people filed FAFSA with the help of PNC staff.

The event was free and stretched for a continuous 30 hours. PNC staff generously volunteered their time to ensure assistance would be accessible. Members from

Admissions, Enrollment, Financial Aid, and Academic Advisors all participated in the event. Assistant Vice Chancellor of Marketing and Community Relations Judy Jacobi greeted students and parents who attended, but she answered phones at last year's event.

"The most common call [from students and parents] was 'Help! This is so hard!'" Jacobi said. The service was especially needed as PNC staff and faculty found out. The school's motto "access and success" emphasizes on the importance of getting students to the campus for affordable and proper education. Those who attended the event ranged from Michigan City to Muster, IN. Many people found out about the event through their local newspapers, radio, the PNC website, friends and family who are PNC

students, their high school, fliers about their towns, and even PNC campus tours.

The FAFSA application filled out at PNC will benefit students wherever they go, even if that is not PNC.

Jacobi said, "We are here to help the community."

The event did help the community indeed. Prospective PNC student Rochelle Lockhart said, "This helped me so much. This is a great service that was easy to do with the help of the staff."

The ultimate perk of the job as Jacobi emphasized was Director of Accreditation and Assessment and Associate Professor of Developmental Studies Dr. Linda Duttlinger's special chili. Duttlinger ensures that there is enough for everyone by bringing the chili is a roaster the size of a small bathtub as Jacobi described.

PNC Introduces Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

PNC recently introduced a new program of study, Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.

The program was designed to meet the outcomes set forth from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Middle school and high school teachers in STEM disciplines of math and science will benefit because those specific curriculums are in high demand, especially in northwest

Indiana.

Candidates who complete the plan of study will be eligible for Indiana initial teaching licenses in one or more of the areas: Adolescence/Young Adulthood for Life Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics. Those types of degrees qualify graduates to teach in grades 5-12. By having this program, graduates will become more qualified in their field of study which will reflect upon themselves as educators.

Education Department Chair

Dr. Cynthia Fontaine commented, "We are very excited to be able to offer this new program to Purdue North Central. There is a shortage of math and science teachers in the area, state and nation; therefore, there will be many opportunities for graduates of this program."

The general plan of study for Secondary Education include: general education requisites, requisites for an education major, requisites for math and science, and electives to bring total credits to 120-132.

From the Office of the SGA President

By Jonathon Sichtermann
WebEditor

Over the past month, the Student Government has been busy wrapping up its yearly activities. The Student Government is continuing to lobby the state General Assembly for state funding for the proposed Student Services and Activities Complex. The House of Representatives approved funding for the complex in February, and the Student Government has sent letters to influential Senators in hopes that they will support funding as well.

In addition to the lobbying efforts, the Student Government

attended a national leadership conference in New York City at the end of February. This conference dealt with ways to improve student governments and make them more receptive to the needs of the student body. More details about the conference can be found elsewhere in this paper. The Student Government is currently in the process of implementing several ideas brought forth at the conference.

Finally, the SGA is making arrangements for the yearly Honors Convocation. The convocation will be held at the end of April and will honor dedicated students, faculty, and staff.

There are currently award applications available in the Dean of Students Office for Student Leader, Student Club Member of the Year, Student Advisor of the Year, and Club of the Year. In addition, both the Student Government and the FACE Committee are offering scholarships. Applications for these scholarships are available in the Dean of Student's Office.

Finally, applications for students wishing to be representatives in next year's Student Government are available in the Dean of Student's Office. Applications for all of these awards, scholarships, and positions are due on April 3.

PNC Participates in Interns for Indiana Program

Purdue University North Central is participating in the Interns for Indiana program that matches outstanding PNC students with internships at small, high-tech start-up companies in Indiana.

PNC will pre-screen the student interns and handle the administrative work for the internships. Some areas that interns may be able to work with are accounting, finance, computer network, software engineering, programming, human resources, training, advertising, marketing, sales, communications and research and development.

Interns for Indiana is a competitive program and internships are awarded to companies based on the need of the company, the opportunity for student on-the-job growth and future employment and the potential for quality experience for students.

Students with internships during the academic year will be expected to complete 200 to 300

hours of work with their company. Summer internships will see students complete 400 hours of full-time work, which usually takes the form of 40 hours per week. In exchange for their work, students are awarded either a scholarship of \$500 per semester during the academic year or stipend of \$4,500 for the summer for participation in the program instead of an hourly wage.

This program is partially funded by the Lily Endowment. Participating companies are required to provide a membership fee to help cover a portion of student and program costs: \$500 per intern per semester, and \$2,000 of the \$4,500 stipend awarded to students for the summer.

Companies and students interested in being part of the Interns for Indiana program may contact Natalie Connors, PNC director of Career Development at nconnors@pnc.edu or 219-785-5200 ext. 5498.

PNC Hyde Park Forum to be April 15

The Purdue University North Central Hyde Park Forum Public Speaking Contest will be Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. on campus. The 26th annual Hyde Park Forum is expected to attract 50 to 70 speakers presenting their thoughts on a variety of subjects. Many of the speakers will be students in the PNC Communication 114 class. Admission is free and open to the public. The speech topics, presentation times and rooms will be posted in Library-Student-Faculty (LSF) Building Assembly Hall, Room 02 and the southeast entrance of Schwarz Hall. Speakers must check in at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors to the Hyde Park Forum are welcome to move from room to room to listen to the student speakers. There will be several speakers presenting in each

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

Former owner of Pumps on 12, Keith Peffers has found his knack at Purdue University North Central as the Director of Dining Services.

Peffers has been with PNC's services for four years, but he has had experience in 12 different kitchens. With a degree in Restaurant Management from Purdue University West Lafayette, Peffers took his talents to JB Winberry Bar and Grill in Chicago. In the venue, he learned new recipes under German influences which would broaden his knowledge of the business. Peffers has worked in Evanston, IL as well as Rolling Meadows, IL before settling at PNC.

"The end of the semester is overwhelming," Peffers said. "Meetings and events are more abundant beginning in April which has me working roughly six days a week."

Financial savvy Peffers has many responsibilities in the kitchen. He works with budgets, planning menus, hiring and firing staff and training new employees. Since a majority of the staff is PNC students, the turnover is unfortunately frequent.

No fan of fast food and dining out, Peffers looks for healthy alternatives in all his recipes. He uses his resources, the internet and pure experimentation since no dish is consistent, and he enjoys variety. He has revised the PNC menu, incorporating alternatives in distribution from local vendors such as US, Stan's and Cisco Food Service. In total, PNC food supply is brought by six different vendors. A typical shipment of 50 cases a day, 250 cases a week, ensures that food is fresh.

The PNC dining staff has reached out to local farmers since the economic crisis. While PNC promotes healthy eating and incorporates fresh food into their meals, the supplies can get expensive. The use of the resources in the area such as the farming industry in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio has not only helped PNC to have healthy meals, but it has also saved a vast majority of money. In terms of food recalls, vendors contact Peffers through warning letters listing the endangered foods that should be taken off the menu. The staff only holds food for 24 hour periods and throws out milk every two-three days.

Menus are on a five week

cycle rotation to promote variety to the consumers. While menus are strict to their days, the staff always prepares back-up meals in case a daily dish is sold out during their peak time of 11a.m.-1p.m. Top selling soups are potato and cream of broccoli while the deli and pizza always stay highly desired. The staff do try to accommodate to consumer's needs such that healthier options in forms of vegetarian dishes and fresh fruits and salads.

In addition to serving faculty and students during school hours, Peffers also does casual catering. He has catered upscale dinners held at Chancellor Dworkin's home, meetings and events held at various locations, and the elegant holiday dinner held at Barker Mansion for present and past PNC faculty.

"The Barker Mansion dinner is the most difficult event because it is the biggest," Peffers said. Peffers and his team plan out each event accordingly, but people do not always R.S.V.P. Luckily, the staff has never run out of food, but has often run into having more food than expected.

At home, Peffers still practices his cooking for the family. Every night there is a home cooked meal ready, and during holidays he always brings a dish to the family potluck.

"I am the designated turkey carver, and my mom still caters at the age of 77. My family is big, and we enjoy cooking," Peffers said.

In terms of promoting healthy eating in his own home, his children occasionally indulge on McDonalds, but Peffers tries to guide them in a healthy path.

Peffers has dreams for the future. He wants to open his own restaurant again, but he is currently holding off because of the expenses. With his love for cooking, he plans to be more involved with the financial aspects while an alternative employee would run the floor. In terms of his idols, Chef Ramsay and Bobby Flay are great influences because of the quality and preparation they put into their work. As for being an influence, Peffers has allured PNC students to transfer to culinary schools to pursue their dreams in cooking or restaurant management.

"I think PNC should get a restaurant management or casino management degree. I have suggested it to Chancellor Dworkin. Hopefully we will see that in the future," Peffers said.

room, with judges evaluating the presentations. The speeches are thought-provoking, insightful and often present new or differing points of view to the listeners.

Generally, the speeches are completed by 8:15 p.m. Participants and guests may go to Assembly Hall for refreshments and a 15-minute award ceremony in which all speakers are recognized.

Hyde Park Forum winners will compete in a "Speak-Off" on Friday, April 17, from noon to 1 p.m. in LSF Room 144. One overall winner will be named, with several runners up. The Hyde Park Forum and Speak-Off are sponsored by the PNC Department of Communication. Additional sponsors are still being sought.

The concept for the Hyde

Park Forum is loosely based on London's Hyde Park, a public park known as a gathering place for speakers who wish to state their minds on any issue. Hyde Park has gained prominence as a reference to freedom of speech and intriguing speaking. Speech topics range from commentary on current news, observations of the social or cultural climate or remarks on subjects of interest to the speaker.

Further information about the Hyde Park Forum, can be obtained by contacting Dr. Daniel Wilbur, assistant professor of Communication at 219-785-5200, ext. 5472 or by visiting the PNC Web site at www.pnc.edu/com/hydepark.htm. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Wilbur.

Lands of Twins causes reflection

By Karen Martin
Contributor

According to The American Heritage Dictionary, the textbook definition of a twin is "One of two offspring born at the same birth." Giving birth to multiples is something that is not as common as one might think.

The current ratio for women in America to give birth to multiples is 31 twin births per 1,000 women. That is just strictly for the United States; a large West African ethnic group, the Yoruba, have the highest ratio of twin births. Their ratio is 45 twins per 1,000 live births.

Recently there has been

talk about a city in Brazil being the "Land of Twins." This place is Candido Godoi, which is located on the south-west side of Brazil on the Argentinean border. It is a small town with a population of about 6,700 people. There is one stretch of a mile and a half that houses 80 different families. In those 80 families there are 38 pairs of twins living there. Some say that there has to be some sort of mineral that is in the water, which comes from a natural spring in that area.

However, others say that a man by the name of Josef Mengele, who was a Nazi physician known as the Angel

of Death, was possibly involved in the explosion of twin births.

He migrated from Germany after World War II when the Nazi's and Hitler were conquered. There have been reports that Mengele came to research his twin theory in Brazil, but with different aliases. The sudden increase in twins began around 1960, which happens to be when Mengele came to southern Brazil.

However, there has yet been any solid proof to the theories that have come up. Look into it and make up your mind as to whether it is a phenomenon or coincidence.

SXSW festival brings beats, business

A man playing an acoustic guitar covered entirely with bumper stickers and drawings stands alone in the center of the sidewalk at the intersection of Sixth Street and San Jacinto Boulevard. A couple holding hands and carrying Styrofoam coffee cups strolls past leisurely, but the sounds of cars drawn out the sound of his strumming.

Fast forward four weeks on the same street corner. Multiply the lone musician by 200, the couple by 5,000 and the noise level by 1 million, and then you might have a slight idea what the 23rd annual South by Southwest Music and Media Conference and Festival will look like.

"It is unlike any other night you have ever experienced downtown in Austin, Texas," said Jake Hiller, a Latin American studies senior and past SXSW attendee. "Sixth Street is unrecognizable. The people, the music, the venues — all of it is unbelievable."

In addition to entertaining attendees, the festival provides a perennial boost to the Austin economy. For five days, Austin hotels are booked, local restaurants are packed and the city streets are inundated with celebrities, music moguls and festivalgoers.

Last year's SXSW injected about \$103 million into the Austin economy, an 8 percent increase from \$95 million in 2007, according to the 2008 SXSW economic impact report.

Over the past 23 years, SXSW has grown from attracting 700 attendees to nearly 10,000 in 2008.

Last year SXSW showcased 250 films and 1,700 bands. This year it will host more than 250 films and 1,800 bands, according to the SXSW Web site. Similarly, the festival's sponsorship has also increased this year, and its international registration increased 33 percent.

Expectations for this year's festival remain the same despite the harsh economic climate.

SXSW officials remain optimistic that the festival will maintain its projected growth for 2009 and provide the city with its annual economic influx, said SXSW spokesman Mike Shea in a report.

Although the numbers suggest the current economic crisis is having little to no effect on SXSW's profitability,

there is an unresolved issue: What about people attending the festival who aren't industry professionals, the people who can't afford to purchase a \$1,145 platinum badge and the bands that can't pay to travel across the country to perform?

"In order to offset some of the cost of getting to and from the festival, we're booking more shows with some friends' bands to and from, just to have the opportunity to make some gas money via playing and selling merchandise," said Vince Corsaro, drummer for The Sleepover Disaster, a band from Fresno, Calif., slated to perform at the event.

"Regardless of the economy, though, the consensus among the many bands we're in contact with is that, given the opportunity to play SXSW, we'll make it work."

The band first appeared at SXSW in 2008, and Corsaro credited the festival with securing a label deal for the band and increasing its credibility.

Even in 2008, when gas prices approached \$4 a gallon, the band rented an 11-passenger van and drove 24 hours straight to Austin and then directly home. Without the help of several benefactors, they wouldn't have been able to make the trip and might not have been signed six months later, Corsaro said.

Similarly, despite the current crisis that has led millions of Americans to cut unnecessary spending, local excitement for the festival continues to grow, and students are finding ways to attend SXSW regardless of their financial capability.

Hiller has attended the music portion of the festival for the past two years, and although currently low on funds, he plans to make it this year as well.

"In a city like Austin, there will always be music," Hiller said. "Shows are still selling out, so it's obvious the economy isn't ruining everything. It's just forcing us to become more creative."

In 2007, after waiting in line at Waterloo Records for nearly two hours, Hiller purchased a \$129 wristband that provided him access to any show — provided they weren't at full capacity after festival badge holders were given first preference.

In 2008 he attended free SXSW after parties that required an online RSVP ahead of time, still enabling him to see an assortment of different bands in smaller, more intimate venues.

Alyssa Estrada, a broadcast journalism senior, also found a way to attend the festival the past two years without breaking the bank.

Estrada worked as an intern at KUT radio, the NPR affiliate in Austin, during SXSW in 2008, and although the job was unpaid, she made contacts with band and tour managers who put her on several guest lists for free access to shows.

This year, Estrada will intern with ME Television during SXSW and still won't receive a badge for free. But the interviews she will conduct and performances she will attend will take place in a more personal setting than most get the privilege of experiencing, she said.

"South by Southwest has remained a staple to Austin's musical success for the past 20 years," Estrada said. "And I think that although things may be more challenging because of the economy, it isn't going to stop people from attending a festival that defines who we are as Austinites."

Casey Monahan, director of the Texas Music Office, the liaison between music businesses in Texas and government agencies, said it is wishful thinking to believe that the economy will have no effect on SXSW.

"There is no doubt that a slowing economy affects all sectors," said Monahan, who has attended SXSW for the past 23 years. "Austin is a very desirable place to live and work, but we aren't immune to the changes in the national or internationaleconomy."

As the sun sets on Sixth Street and San Jacinto Boulevard, the man playing his acoustic guitar is nowhere to be seen.

In his place, there is a man with makeshift bongo drums and another holding a trumpet case. When asked of their thoughts on the economic slump, the man with the bongos laughs and quickly counts the coins passersby have dropped in his cup.

Banging on his bongos to emphasize his words, he said, "I'm going to be just fine."

Upcoming events

Campus to host Peruvian dance troupe

Westville - The Purdue University North Central Multicultural Club will host a performance by the Taqui Sisacuna dance troupe of Peru on Saturday, April 11 at 1 p.m. in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. The event is free and open to the public; donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Taqui Sisacuna (The Dancing Flowers) specializes in traditional Peruvian dances and will present a variety of Andean dance, song and folklore. The troupe, based in Kansas City, features colorful costumes and exuberant choreography set to Amazonian, Andean and Afro-Peruvian

beats. The appearance is co-sponsored by the Multicultural Club, the PNC Chancellor's Diversity Fund and the Student Services Diversity Initiative.

Refreshments will be provided by the Association of Latinas of Northwest Indiana. Donations will help to fund projects that help the needy in Peru.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Kenneth Kincaid, PNC assistant professor History, at kkincaid@pnc.edu or 785-5200, ext. 5244. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Kincaid.

Campus to offer viewing of night sky

In celebration of the International Year of Astronomy 2009, Purdue University North Central will host a viewing of the night sky on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Observation through the telescope will be at the far south end of the PNC campus.

The public is invited to take a close-up look at early spring constellations and see the moon and Saturn through 10- and 8-inch telescopes.

Dr. Jessica Warren, PNC limited term lecturer in Astronomy, will be on hand to answer astronomy-related questions and provide descriptions of the objects being

observed to make this an interactive learning experience suitable for all ages and interests.

Participants are asked to park in PNC lot 7 and walk to the viewing area near the North Central Veterinary Center. In the event of cloudy or inclement weather, viewing will be canceled.

Please email jwarren@pnc.edu by 5:30pm on the date of the event if you are unsure whether the viewing will be held. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Warren.

PNCWA to host Spring Luncheon

PNCWA will host its spring luncheon,

"Life Lessons Through Laughter; Comedy and Conversation for Women" Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m., LSF 144

The luncheon is sponsored by the Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Interest Group and it will be fun!

You will also be a part of the presentation of PNCWA's annual gift which this year, thanks to member donations and the success of our bake sales, is a double gift. We will present a \$1,000 check each to our PNC Nursing Department and to our PNC Education Department.

The luncheon, which is open to the public, will feature Humorist and Comedienne Mary Ellen Rinaldi. She is a rare combination of comedienne, professional speaker, and storyteller and blends

Continuing education offers new classes

Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will offer a three-session non-credit course that will introduce students to the "Digital Darkroom."

This class is offered Tuesdays, April 7 to 21, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at PNC - Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road in Valparaiso. The registration fee is \$139 with an additional \$26 book fee.

This class teaches students how to use Photoshop CS-2 to manipulate and improve digital photos, change colors, eliminate red eye and other functions.

The Office of Continuing Education will also offer a non-credit introductory course, "Video Compilation" that will present the essentials of creating one-of-a-kind

stand up comedy with an inspirational message. Rinaldi will make you laugh and touch your heart as she reaches into the nooks and crannies of everyday events. She knows you, your kids, your parents, and she's here to tell you all about it.

Tickets, which include both the luncheon and the program, are \$18 and must be paid in advance. Questions regarding the luncheon should be directed to Liz Depew at x5239 or edepew@pnc.edu.

Reservations will be taken through April 13. Individual reservations or group reservations may be made by contacting Angel Cable at 219-785-5401 or acable@pnc.edu. Checks, made out to PNCWA, may be sent with a list of names of those attending, to Angel Cable, PNCWA Treasurer, Schwarz Hall 145.

video compilations.

"Video Compilation" will meet at PNC - Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road, in Valparaiso on Thursdays, April 9 to 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration is \$129. An additional book fee is \$20.

A video compilation is much like a video scrapbook and is an appropriate way to celebrate special occasions or loved ones and will become a treasured possession to share with future generations.

To register or to obtain information about this or other courses available through the PNC Office of Continuing Education, contact 785-5200 ext. 5343, or visit <http://www.pnc.edu/ce>. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.



Right & Left: AIG Bonuses



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Print Editor

The Obama Administration is receiving a lashing from lawmakers and regular Americans who expressed outrage over \$165 million in bonus payments by American International Group (AIG). This has caused such a controversy because the firm received more than \$170 billion in federal aid.

White House officials are seeking a solution to the AIG bonus controversy in light of a bill that the House passed that would impose punitive taxes on bonus payments at all financial firms. Industry officials say that the measure would stop many banks from taking government aid because a majority of their employees receive bonuses. The banks would survive without federal aid, but they would not have enough capital to restart the lending process.

The main goal of the Obama administration is to pursue compensation reform that addresses public outrage while trying to maintain stability in the weak financial system.

The administration's goal, one senior official said, is to pursue compensation reform that addresses public outrage while maintaining stability in the finan-

cial system.

"Our singular focus is on increasing lending to support economic recovery. Everything we do to stabilize the financial system is done with that goal in mind," added Stephanie Cutter, a Treasury adviser to Geithner. She declined to discuss details of the plan. "Ridding bank balance sheets of problem assets is the next step in that process, but it alone won't solve the credit problem."

The government's effort to deal with toxic assets and loans harkens back to the original intent of the Troubled Assets Relief Program, or TARP, that Congress approved in October.

After TARP was signed into law, Bush administration officials moved away from directly purchasing the assets partly because they thought it would take too long to develop the right program and because they thought they needed to use the bulk of the rescue funds simply to keep banks alive. Those officials were then widely criticized by lawmakers and investors for changing course so suddenly and creating uncertainty about the government's intentions.

The Obama administration

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By Jonathon Sichertermann
Web Editor

The recent announcement that TARP funds paid to the American International Group (AIG) would be used to pay executives' bonuses started a firestorm of controversy. Members of Congress, conservative and liberal media commentators, and members of the general public have all called for the government to step in and prevent taxpayer money from being used to pay for executive bonuses. In just the past week, the House of Representatives passed a bill that would tax the bonuses at a 90% rate to recoup the money.

While many Americans are understandably upset at seeing their hard-earned tax dollars go to the executives of a failed insurance company, what are the legal ramifications of this payment and the subsequent taxation of the payment?

AIG is obliged to pay the bonuses as part of a contractual agreement. Several government officials have called for President Obama and Treasury Secretary Geithner to look into the possibility of breaking the contract in order to prevent payment. They cite the fact that contracts are often broken during bankruptcy cases, and that the government

bailout is similar to a bankruptcy case. However, the government did not stipulate that this contract be broken when it provided AIG with the TARP funds, and allowing the government to step in and break a contract sets a dangerous legal precedent.

The freedom to contract has been a hallmark of the American legal tradition since the early 1800s when Chief Justice John Marshall ruled in favor of it in two separate cases. First, in the seldom cited *Fletcher v. Peck*, Marshall ruled that the state of Georgia could not rescind a public contract. Then, several years later, in the landmark case *Dartmouth College v. Woodward*, Marshall ruled that the New Hampshire state legislature could not invalidate a private contract that upheld the Dartmouth University charter. The events of the past week seem to indicate that neither President Obama, nor members of Congress seriously want to challenge legal precedent that has stood for 200 years.

Instead, the government seems to want to tax these bonuses and thus prevent AIG executives from ever truly utilizing the funds. While the economic consequences of a 90% tax rate could be debated at length, the fact remains that this course of action

also presents several legal difficulties. For instance, the constitution strictly forbids ex-post facto laws and bills of attainder. A careful examination of the proposed tax shows that the proposal includes both provisions. In essence, the near total taxation of the bonus makes the taxation illegal even though it was legal at the time it was committed. This is the very definition of an ex post facto law. In addition, through the use of this proposed tax, the United States Congress is declaring the actions of the AIG executives illegal even though they did not have the benefit of a trial (the definition of a bill of attainder).

What then should the government do about these bonuses? In a word: nothing. It is better for the government to allow these bonuses to be paid and learn from its mistakes than to attempt to prevent payment and risk becoming bogged down in a long, nasty, and brutish court case over the issue. The government should learn from its mistake and not provide such funds to failing corporations in the future. After all, the government did not provide such funds to Lehman Brothers before the company collapsed, and its executives never received taxpayer funded bonuses—they are out of a job today.

Global Warming or Global Fraud? Truth or merely a mirage?

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

With all the hype surrounding Global Warming these days and the dire calls to action we keep hearing and reading about in the news, I decided to sit down and get one man's perspective on what the real scoop is surrounding this global issue.

Professor Randall Downs, a teacher of Oceanography, Earth Science and Geography, at Purdue University North Central and Ivy Tech, holds a different opinion than most of today's popular culture. He does not deny that there is global warming, in fact he acknowledges it, but also points out that global cooling exists as well. Most of all, Professor Downs points to the notion that there is no ambient temperature on Earth and that changes on Earth occur in cyclical cycles.

"To take the most recent span of years in recorded human history and apply it to the argument of global warming is unreliable because it only represents a micro segment in the large sample of Earth's history,"—Professor Downs

His biggest problem however, concerns man-made global warming. This is one theory he refuses to accept because he knows the facts. He points to the clear lack of evidence by sources such as the United Nation's IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), and former Vice President Al Gore, and their inability to be able to prove this.

The IPCC is an intergovernmental panel that examines, evaluates, synthesizes, and reports information from peer-reviewed published literature, but does not conduct new research. U.N. IPCC's William Schlesinger even admitted during a recent debate that "something on the order of 20 percent (of IPCC Scientists) have had some dealing with climate." That would mean that one of the world's leading reporters in global change acknowledges that 80 percent of their membership has no dealings whatsoever with the climate in their academic studies.

Professor Downs goes on to state that carbon dioxide and humans are not the main causes, in fact they only make up minor greenhouse gases in our atmosphere. Instead, water vapor is the most critical greenhouse gas, but there is currently no way to measure this in our atmosphere. Volcanic debris, ash in the atmosphere and seismic activity also has a large effect on warming. Sun, and oceanic activity is a major determiner in dictating the weather. Sun and radiation go through cycles too, says Downs. And, as of right now, we are in a minimal cycle. Evidence of this can be examined through sun spot activity and there is currently little to no sun spot activity occurring at this point and time. Jet streams and air masses also help to dictate these changes in climate. All other factors have little or no effect.

What Professor Downs is mostly perplexed by is the lack of questioning being done. He says there is no absolute truth in science. Yet, politicians are going public on issues of global warming and forming assumptions that they are passing off as truths, and the public is accepting their word without researching and discovering the facts for themselves. Downs believes the politicians should stay out of this debate and let the scientists be the real ones to present and debate the findings. "If you are looking for a result based on what you believe then you are looking at it wrong. In refusing to look at the opposing side, you are failing to examine both sides of the argument," argues Downs.

Unlike his global warming counterparts the professor also believes that over the next fifty years it will be cooler. Much like heating, he is still skeptical of a complete cooling, because no one knows for sure, but believes temperatures will not change that much. Evidence of this, he says, exists in the current lack of sun spot activity and lack of warming since the '98-'99 time period. There has been no warming since then, nearly a ten year time frame. "Climate change is a cycle",

states Professor Downs, "we experience short warming cycles from time to time but have not experienced any warming since 1999. If man was causing this change then temperatures would have steadily increased each year since, and temperatures would have become hotter." For this to be true that would mean that 2008 was the warmest recorded temperature to date, and 2009 should take its place by year's end. This however, was not and will not be the case. He points to the 1920s and 1930s when we had a similar time of warming, as we did in the late nineties, and sheds light on the cooling periods following these spurts, as further evidence. The cooling of the late 80s and of that in which we are experiencing right now, he emphasizes, backs up this argument. He believes that if we would have been able to record temperatures from years past (before recording started) then we probably would have recorded even warmer temperatures than we currently are now. "Cycles like these have been going on forever. The 30s were the warmest (recorded) years on earth, and we saw similar heating cycles during the 70s and again in the 90s. Yet, no ice caps were melting (back during those record times) at the same alarming rate that we are all lead to believe is currently existing, by today's media and politicians." Keep in mind that the late 20s and early 30s was also the time of the "Great Dust Bowl". Downs acknowledges that polar ice caps melt during parts of the year, but then they refreeze each year too. Studies have shown MORE ice forming since the 70s, not less. New York Times author John Tierney, also confirmed in findings that "two studies by NASA and university scientists last year concluded that much of the recent melting of Arctic sea ice was related to a cyclical change in ocean currents and winds, but those studies got relatively little attention—and were certainly no match for the images of struggling polar bears."

The professor also finds fault in the use of too much computer

Global warming more than just a rumor

By Kayla Mrozinske
Staff Writer

Many people have ignored the issue of global warming, but that does not mean it does not exist. According to Nobel Prize winner Al Gore on his work with global warming, many issues have contributed to the problem and the world will suffer severe effects. The advocates have stated in 400 years, the last 20 have been the hottest ever recorded. Alaska, Canada, and Russia's temperatures have risen twice in global average.

Natural disasters have occurred due to the increase of temperatures; consequently, many of the destructive hurricanes have resulted from the heat and energy reaching the glaciers. In recent studies posted in Gore's proposals, nearly 27 glaciers exist versus the 150 glaciers last recorded in 1910. The glaciers have risen sea levels, and the over consumption of hot water has turned the tides that has affected life on land. Researchers have reported at this rate, the world may be completely ice free by 2040.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Kim Scipes of PNC is an authority on this issue. "Greenhouse gases are changing the atmosphere. More heat [is being dispersed] into the earth. The CO gases are a consistent danger. We were quoted at 382ppm in reference to these levels while the ultimate danger is 450ppm," Scipes said.

More CO gases are being distributed into the Earth's atmosphere than can be in turn, absorbed. Scipes said, "The 450ppm is the level of CO in the atmosphere that will result in warming the Earth to the point at which the tundra across Canada and Russia is expected to melt and massive amounts of trapped methane will be released."

He also touched on how methane gases are 20 times deadlier than CO gases. In large part to the distribution of those gases, industrialization is the main culprit. Industrialization contributes to the production of

water vapor, CO, methane, and nitrous oxide, the deadliest greenhouse gases apart of the atmosphere.

Scipes commented, "Gore doesn't talk methane. There is no look at production because [the government] is afraid to address it. Job losses are at risk. However, the United States is not ecologically stable. The US population is contributing 6% of the world's 25% of greenhouse gases."

The premiere cause of global warming is that people are simply living beyond their means. Scipes added that the US would need to 'radically reshape the economy, society, and culture' in order to return to a healthy world. Questions arise if it is necessary for government and corporate officials to have access to private jets and fly across the world in one day. Sure, it is glamorous and efficient for business, but is it safe for the earth?

"There needs to be a serious decrease of consumption of energy," Scipes said, "After all, we cannot produce new greens."

In reference to the job industry, arguments hit home. The northwest has been a major producer of steel. Statistics show that in 1984, 120,000 workers were employed in the industry and surrounding area. Presently there are nearly 18-19,000 workers employed. This is a drop of 100,000 workers in the course of roughly 20 years, and the decline is major.

"The '50s and '60s had a strong middle class, and industries grew. We will never get back to that [like many people believe]," Scipes said.

The future of the world is in our hands. There is said to be a majority of excuses amongst society that global warming is nonexistent, but the facts are concrete. It is apparent that there is a problem in the atmosphere, and earth's future is in jeopardy.

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Major League Baseball still not learning their lesson

By Tom Albano
Staff Writer

David Ortiz, designated hitter for the Boston Red Sox, confirmed reports this weekend that he has worked out with controversial trainer Angel Presinal in the Dominican Republic. Presinal is the trainer most closely associated with Alex Rodríguez, during his time with the Texas Rangers, in which he has said to have used performance enhancing drugs. Ortiz also claims that many ballplayers that spend time in the Dominican, during the off-season, worked out with Presinal. Big Papi also is quick to point out that he has never seen Presinal or anyone associated with him inject themselves with anything.

Kansas City Royals star Jose Guillen makes a similar confirmation. Despite being "great friends" and working with Presinal for a very long time, Guillen also denies ever seeing an injection, or talking about steroids with the highly touted trainer.

While this is all nice and fine, something within me begs to ask if Major League Baseball and its players think all of us fans are incompetent? Do they really expect me to believe that Alex Rodríguez was the ONLY ballplayer sought out or tempted by Presinal to use performance enhancing drugs? Do you really expect us to believe a great steroid peddling friend of yours never encouraged or talked about the benefits of steroids to you, throughout all these years of training? What is it going to take to get some truth back into this game, as if this past decade hasn't already taken a moral toll on baseball already?

Donald Fehr, head of the union for baseball, started off

spring-training this week with talk of steroids once again at the forefront of baseball news. Fehr seems to want to turn a blind eye however. "We fixed the problem and we need to look forward, as Bud has said many times," he said. Yet Bud himself seems to contradict this very notion in every measure he takes. According to Selig, Alex Rodríguez has shamed the game of baseball. If he truly believes this then why not address the fallout that continues to hamper Major League Baseball? Instead, throughout these past few years, Bud has denied having any knowledge of its wide-spread use, prior to this current era, and has wasted time and energy making fans believe he is just as in awe and in shock as we are. Certainly we could have cued Barry Bonds or Roger Clemens if we wanted that type of answer.

Rodríguez's positive test came from results taken in 2003. Testing in 2003 was said to be confidential, yet somehow Sports Illustrated was able to report that Rodríguez was one of 104 players who tested positive during this survey. What is more startling is that Major League Baseball still doesn't really want to hear anything more related to the issue of steroids, even though its best player has just been branded a cheater. Fehr also rejected the suggestion that all players in 2003 are under suspicion because 104 of them tested positive.

"If that's the judgment, it seems to me that is entirely wrong," Fehr said. "We know what happened in 2003. The number of positives we had was slightly over 5 percent. That means that slightly over 94 percent was negative."

But how can one test really

confirm this, not to mention the drugs that can't be detected through some of these tests? And did they test all Major League Ballplayers that year? If the answer is no then 104 positive tests is a startling number of players!

Major League Baseball has left the current appeal, and fate of these remaining 103 players, up to the union's lawyers, preferring to concentrate on the present. "The agreement we had was that information related to 2003 was supposed to be and should remain confidential, and we believe it should," Fehr said. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals however is considering the fate of this list and test specimens, which were seized by federal agents in April 2004.

Sure, the Commissioner has finally taken steps to implement a drug policy and prevent future use of the PEDS, over these past few years, but that is not the point. The point is that the policy now in place is about 10-15 years too late, and what are he and Fehr doing to clean up the tarnished legacy left by those they keep turning a blind eye towards? The fact of the matter is they let it go too far and for far too long, and it is not a period of time that can just be forgotten. Perhaps there is no "right" way to conceivably right the ship that slowly sunk this past decade, but at least acknowledge the fact that there was a HUGE problem, and that those who were a part of it, should be known at the very least. This needs to be done for the game in order to provide some closure, and if not for the fans than for the players who didn't juice. The record needs to be set straight once and for all.

Obama's NCAA bracket in crisis mode

Well, there's always the approval ratings. Because the upsets and buzzer-beaters just aren't going Barack Obama's way. The president's bracket took a precipitous plunge Friday night when two of his Sweet 16 teams were upset.

Wisconsin—one of three 12 seeds to knock off a No. 5—needed Trevon Hughes' spinning bank shot to take down Florida State 61-59 in overtime, costing Obama one of the 16 teams he picked to reach the regional semi-

finals. Earlier Friday, Arizona beat Utah, and the president's home state of Illinois lost to Western Kentucky the night before.

The prognosticator-in-chief missed all three upsets. And didn't call Cleveland State's either.

Moments before Wisconsin's triumph, the Vikings were putting the finishing touches on a waxing of No. 4 seed Wake Forest—another team Obama had reaching the third round.

As if that weren't enough, No. 9 seed Siena outlasted No. 8

Ohio State in double overtime, dropping the presidential bracket all the way down to the 4.23 percentile—4,434,808 spots off the lead in ESPN.com's contest.

To put that another way, that's more people than voted for him in any state but California.

Obama correctly predicted 19 of 32 first-round games.

The First Bracket has top-seeded Louisville, North Carolina and Pittsburgh, and No. 2 Memphis reaching the Final Four. He took the Tar Heels to win the title.

Garnett returns in Celtics' 80-77 win over Spurs

SAN ANTONIO—Kevin Garnett finally came back for Boston, but could only watch and writhe on the bench as the Celtics won a nail-biter.

Playing sparingly in his first game in a month, Garnett sat out a thrilling fourth quarter that ended with San Antonio missing six consecutive free throws to help Boston escape with a 80-77 win on Friday night.

Ray Allen scored 19 points and Kendrick Perkins hit a short fallaway with 2:11 left that wound up being the winner for Boston, which avenged a loss at home to San Antonio earlier this year.

Garnett scored 10 points and had four rebounds in just 15 minutes after coach Doc Rivers promised not to work his All-Star forward too hard in his return from a strained right knee.

Paul Pierce had nine points and 12 rebounds for the Celtics. Garnett missed 13 consecutive games for the Celtics and had not played since Feb. 19. He entered

the game averaging 16.3 points and 8.8 rebounds this season. Rivers said he wanted to gradually ease Garnett back into the lineup. He compared the game to training camp for Garnett while the rest of the Celtics fought to maintain playoff positioning in the East.

Boston went 7-6 over the past month without Garnett, a mediocre run that helped Cleveland build a 4 1/2-game lead for the best record in the East entering the game.

The Celtics have 12 games left before the playoffs, including final meetings at Cleveland and Orlando, which is just a game behind the Celtics for the No. 2 seed.

Rivers, coaching his first game since being fined \$25,000 this week for criticizing a referee following a loss to Chicago, said the Celtics have precious time remaining to fully Garnett back into the rotation.

"We basically sat around and

counted all the practice days before playoffs. It's not a lot of them," Rivers said. "And this is a solution."

The Celtics sure could have used Garnett down the stretch. Boston led by five in the third quarter before Parker, picking off a bad pass from Perkins, took Rajon Rondo 1-on-1 at the other end and glided past him to tie the game at 61. Earlier in the quarter, Perkins got a technical foul for shoving Matt Bonner underneath after Garnett's first basket.

Boston took a 64-63 lead into the fourth, and Spurs rookie George Hill tied it at 66 on a layup after a nifty bounce pass from Mason. Two free throws by Drew Gooden on the next possession gave the Spurs their first lead since early in the third.

Rondo's jumper tied it at 70 with just under 6 minutes left, and the Celtics and Spurs went back-and-forth the rest of the way before Davis' jumper proved to be decisive.

Oswalt to lead United States against Japan in WBC



Team USA readies before a game against Japan

LOS ANGELES—After opening in Toronto and then feeling like the visiting team in Miami, the United States hopes its first appearance in the World Baseball Classic's final four gets the attention of Americans.

"In Miami, there were more U.S. fans than there were in Canada," Derek Jeter said Friday. "The Latin fans were louder; they brought their drums, singing songs, jumping up and down, so you probably heard them a little bit more."

The WBC concludes with the semifinals and final at Dodger Stadium at the same time much of the country is caught up in the early rounds of the NCAA men's and women's college basketball tournaments. "We expect to have more fan support come this round," infielder David Wright said, "because I think just the general baseball fan is seeing the kind of intensity and focus and desire that we have to win and hopefully that catches on."

U.S. manager Davey Johnson said Roy Oswalt will start for the Americans in their semifinal against Japan on Sunday night. Oswalt pitched four scoreless innings when the United States avoided elimination by beating the Netherlands 9-3 last Sunday.

Japan manager Tatsunori Hara declined to announce his starter, although it will be Daisuke Matsuzaka's turn in the rotation Sunday.

Matsuzaka hasn't pitched since throwing six brilliant innings in a 6-0 win against Cuba on Sunday. The Boston Red Sox ace is 5-0 in five appearances during two WBCs. He's 2-0 this year after going 3-0 in leading Japan to the inaugural WBC championship in 2006, when he was named tournament MVP. Jeter is familiar with Matsuzaka through the intense rivalry between their major league teams, the New York Yankees and Red Sox.

But Wright, who plays for the New York Mets in the National League, has never faced the Boston ace. "We will be leaning on the AL East guys a lot," Wright said. "Having some AL East guys is going to help, go over scouting reports and some tendencies."

South Korea and Venezuela will meet in the first semifinal on Saturday night. Carlos Silva will start for Venezuela, which used its roster loaded with major leaguers to win Group Two.

The Japan-U.S. semifinal is a rematch of the bronze-medal game at last summer's Beijing Olympics, which the U.S. won 8-4 under Johnson's coaching. Japan hasn't defeated the United States since the 2005 World Cup in the Netherlands.

Hara singled out Johnson and U.S. hitting coach Reggie Smith as two people he respects. Johnson played for Japan's Yomiuri Giants in the mid-1970s.

Japan is trying to win its second WBC title, having beaten Cuba 10-6 in the inaugural championship game three years ago. The Japanese won the second-round group, defeating South Korea 6-2 Thursday night in San Diego.

But the victory proved costly with Shuichi Murata injuring his right hamstring. He was replaced on the roster Friday by Kentaro Kurihara, who was due to leave for Los Angeles on Saturday. Murata was batting .320 with two homers and seven RBIs.

In 2006, the U.S. was eliminated with a 2-1 loss to Mexico in the second round after the Americans beat Japan 4-3 during pool play in Anaheim.

"I don't think you try to win more just because you lost three years ago," Jeter said. "I never try to look at things as revenge."

The Americans come into the weekend hobbled by injuries. During the second round in Miami, they lost second baseman Dustin Pedroia, first baseman Kevin Youkilis and reliever Matt Lindstrom.

Johnson selected Oswalt over San Diego's Jake Peavy, who would start Monday night's title game if the Americans advance.

Oswalt pitched four scoreless innings when the United States avoided elimination by beating the Netherlands 9-3 last Sunday. The right-hander is the team's leading pitcher, with 7.2 inning and six strikeouts.

Oswalt watched some of Thursday's game between South Korea and Japan to check out the hitters. "The thing about Japan is they have two or three hitters that play in the big leagues, so we have a little bit of a scouting report on them, where the other guys fill the game out as it goes," he said.

The pitch limits that were in place for the tournament's first two rounds increase to 100 per game in the semis and finals.

"I don't make that call, but it should be able to go 100 pitches," Oswalt said.

Wright donated the bat he used to end Tuesday's 6-5 elimination game victory over Puerto Rico to the baseball Hall of Fame. His two-RBI single off Fernando Cabrera capped a three-run comeback in the ninth inning.

"I don't think I've ever had so many text messages and phone calls after a game," Wright said. "No matter what team you play for or who your favorite team is in the big leagues, you're talking about representing your country. That'll be a memory for me that lasts a lifetime."

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SGA members travel to New York City for conference

SGA learns new ways, gathers information being more effective

By Jonathon Sichtermann
Web Editor

On February 28, the PNC Student Government attended the American Student Government Association Conference in New York City. The conference was intended to help the Student Government become more effective in its efforts to represent the student body.

As a result of the conference, the Student Government plans to implement several new programs. For instance, in upcoming years, the Student Government plans to begin utilizing Facebook and Myspace in order to let PNC students know what the SGA is doing to represent them. The SGA feels that this will be a good way to disseminate information because students check their Facebook and Myspace accounts more often than they do their email accounts. This websites will also provide students with a convenient means of communicating their concerns with their elected representatives.



Statue of Liberty from the Staten Island Ferry
Photo Credit: Jonathon Sichtermann

In addition, this year the Student Government began holding office hours for the first time in several years. Students are free to drop into the SGA office at any time during the regular school day and voice any concerns they may have. However, beginning next year, the SGA hopes to hold "constituent" hours. During these hours SGA representatives will go around to random students conducting impromptu surveys in which they ask students which issues are most important to them. These open ended surveys will help the SGA to better represent the wishes of the student body.

While this article does not detail all of the new concepts that the Student Government plans to take from the conference to PNC, it does highlight the important ideas that were discussed. In coming years, the Student Government Association will be far more effective due to the ideas presented at this conference.

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combined career and internship fair will have representatives from several different areas including hospitality, banks, schools, non-profit organizations and distributors.

Anyone with questions about Career Development should contact Natalie Connors at nconnors@pnc.edu or (219) 785-5498.

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further developed that proposal to address the main problems that are facing the banks; troubled debt such as mortgages that institutions are holding until the loans are paid off, and the complex securities that were invented to finance the loans.

The administration would combine resources from the FDIC and the Public Investment Corp. to create several investment funds to deal with the troubled loans.

The program would allow a lender to dispose of about \$10 million worth of residential mortgages; it would approach the FDIC which would then run an auction for interested private investors. The Treasury would then contribute as much as 80 percent of the rest of the cost of the pool of loans and private investors would contribute the remaining amount.

To deal with toxic securities, the government has developed two separate initiatives. The first would expand an existing Fed program, known as the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF) which is aimed at reinvigorating non-traditional lending markets. They would also launch a public-private investment funds to buy toxic assets that back mortgage and other troubled loans.

SGA conference teaches leadership skills

By Aleah Turner
Contributor

On February 28, 2009, Purdue North Central's student government attended a national student government conference in New York City hosted by the American Student Government Association (ASGA) at Pace University. Those in attendance from PNC's student government included Jon Sichtermann, Tom Albano, Nick Mucha, Aleah Turner, David G. Myers, and Emily Turner.

After the welcoming speeches the students split up to attend different lectures on topics such as Women in Leadership: Tips to Help You Lead With Confidence, Navigating Diversity on Your Student Government, Parliamentary Procedure: Rules Governing Formal Meetings, 13 Steps to Dramatically Improve Your Student Government, 50 Tips to Improve Your Student Government Elections, Administrators ARE NOT the Enemy: Learn How to Get Along With Yours, and many more.



Jon Sichtermann, Aleah Turner, David Meyers, Nick Mucha, Emily Turner, Tom Albano (l-r)

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Susan Leahy spoke for the Women in Leadership lecture and provided great pointers for how women can take advantage of their roles as a leader in a still very male-dominated world. Leahy outlined the differences among men and women in society, gave the crowd pointers on how to take advantage of what women have and use it, shared

with the crowd her "secret weapon," which is that women will be underestimated but it can work in their favor if they so choose, and many other great types about building confidence in leadership roles. Butch Oxendine spoke for the 50 Tips to Improve Your Student Government Elections and gave great tips about how to get more

voters out during election week for student government. Some of Oxendine's tips include making sure the student government does real stuff that matters to students, stressed the importance of recruiting more candidates before elections so the races are contested, the use of online voting, marketing the elections, holding forums before the election with candidates talking about certain issues, compensating students for serving on the student government, and many other helpful tips. With all of the changes taking place on our campus presently and in the future, the student government wants to make sure that the student body's voice is heard and that their best interests are in mind with these changes. In order to do that, PNC's student government needs to have a greater appearance on campus and needs more interaction with the student body. This conference gave the student government the tools to start making some changes within their group and hopefully in the future as well.

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data. These models are not absolute, and all they do is estimate or predict what could happen. He believes anytime models are used and produce conclusions containing the words can, could or may, then a complete or factual representation is not being made. This is not to mention some of the corrupt data NASA has admitted to recording that has previously stated that record temperatures had been set in '01 and again in '02. Which leads us to wonder what other mistakes could have been made? He wants to also know, "who has the agenda?" He does not see the point in creating situations that create even more economic hardships. Further, he asks, "Why penalize humans financially over something that hasn't been proven?" Downs does go onto to say though that heating would actually be better than cooling. At least with warming, food can still be grown and harvested and water available. With cooling, resources and sources of food freeze and die off at a much faster rate than they would by an increase in temperature. Professor Downs concludes by saying he would ultimately

like to see a global debate over all of this that features scientists from around the globe. Below is a listing of the top ten warmest years on record as well as a small selection of quotes and highlights from the updated 2008 Senate Minority Report featuring over 650 international scientists dissenting from man-made climate fears. These 650 dissenting scientists are more than 12 times the number of U.N. scientists (52) who authored the media hyped IPCC 2007 summary for Policymakers. These scientists have peer reviewed and published studies, are former IPCC members, long term government scientists, and some are even a couple of astronauts with scientific backgrounds. All of which are pieces of information collected and submitted to me by Professor Downs as evidence to his claims. Top Ten Warmest Years on Record:

- 1- 1934
- 2- 1998
- 3- 1921
- 4- 2006
- 5- 1931
- 6- 1999
- 7- 1953
- 8- 1990

9- 1938
10- 1939

Quotes and Highlights:

"I am a skeptic...Global warming has become a new religion." - Nobel Prize Winner for Physics, Ivar Giaever.

"Since I am no longer affiliated with any organization not receiving any funding, I can speak quite frankly....As a scientist I remain skeptical. The main basis of the claim that man's release of greenhouse gases is the cause of the warming is based almost entirely upon climate models. We all know the frailty of models concerning the air-surface system" - Atmospheric Scientist Dr. Joanne Simpson, the first woman in the world to receive a PhD in meteorology, and formerly of NASA, who has authored more than 190 studies and has been called 'among the most preeminent scientists of the last 100 years.'

'Warming fears are the 'worst scientific scandal in the history...When people come to know what the truth is, they will feel deceived by science and scientists.' - UN IPCC Japanese Scientist Dr. Kiminori Itoh, an

award-winning PhD environmental physical chemist

'The IPCC has actually become a closed circuit; it doesn't listen to others. It doesn't have open minds... I am really amazed that the Nobel Peace Prize has been given on scientifically incorrect conclusions by people who are not geologists.' - Indian geologist Dr. Arun D. Ahluwalia at Punjab University and a board member of the UN-supported International Year of the Planet

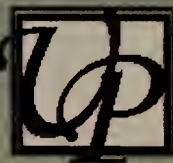
'So far, real measurements give no ground for concern about a catastrophic future warming.' - Scientist Dr. Jarl R. Ahlbeck, a chemical engineer at Abo Akademi University in Finland, author of 200 scientific publications and former Greenpeace member.

'Anyone who claims that the debate is over and the conclusions are firm has a fundamentally unscientific approach to one of the most momentous issues of our time.' - Solar physicist Dr. Pal Brekke, senior advisor to the Norwegian Space Centre in Oslo. Brekke has published more than 40 peer-reviewed scientific articles on the sun and solar interaction with the Earth.

'It is a blatant lie put forth in the media that makes it seem there is only a fringe of scientists who don't buy into anthropogenic global warming.' - U.S. Government Atmospheric Scientist Stanley B. Goldenberg of the Hurricane Research Division of NOAA.

Even doubling or tripling the amount of carbon dioxide will virtually have little impact, as water vapour and water condensed on particles as clouds dominate the worldwide scene and always will.' - Geoffrey G. Duffy, a professor in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering of the University of Auckland, NZ.

After reading [UN IPCC chairman] Pachauri's asinine comment [comparing skeptics to] Flat Earthers, it's hard to remain quiet.' - Climate statistician Dr. William M. Briggs, who specializes in the statistics of forecast evaluation, serves on the American Meteorological Society's Probability and Statistics Committee and is an Associate Editor of Monthly Weather Review.



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Dear PNC Students,

I am very pleased to welcome you to Purdue University North Central for the 2009-10 academic year. PNC not only provides a first class Purdue education with small class sizes in a safe environment but it also offers many activities and organizations for students.

I hope you will find this publication, "Connections" a very important resource. You can keep track of your due dates for assignments as well as exams, quizzes and other student-related activities. It is also filled with important information for students regarding university policies. Please take the time to review the material contained in this publication.

Since my arrival at PNC in 2000, we have been able to sub-



stantially expand our programmatic offerings. We now offer two Master's degrees - an MBA and an MS in Elementary Education - plus 18 baccalaureate degrees and 11 associate degrees. In the PNC strategic

plan for 2008-14, we intend to continue to expand the number of degrees we offer to our students.

You will find a wide array of student clubs and organizations here at PNC. In addition, we also offer four intercollegiate athletic programs for those students interested in participating in men's baseball and basketball or women's softball and volleyball.

Our campus is well known in the community for the student services that are offered to our student body. These include advising, counseling, financial aid, tutoring and many others. These are important services for student success at the college level and I encourage you to take advantage of them.

Throughout the year I offer

open office hours for the campus community. If you have a suggestion or concern that you would like to bring to my attention, I hope you will visit me during one of these open office hour periods.

It is important to me and the faculty and staff that you have a very positive educational experience while a student at PNC. I look forward to seeing you on campus and I wish you much success in your academic career now and in the semesters to come. I especially look forward to handing you your diploma at an upcoming graduation ceremony.

Sincerely,
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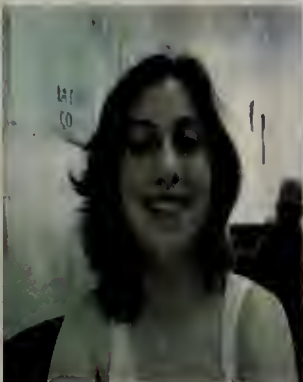
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Commentary

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Michigan City's New Public Enemies "surreal" summer experience

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

The most surreal moment of my summer vacation as far as leisure activities are concerned was when "Michigan City, Indiana" flashed upon the screen at the movie theater.

I was sitting there as the first scene started while watching *Public Enemies*. The craziest part about it: I viewed this movie in Michigan City. Therefore, the slug seemed even cooler. However, I wondered why I thought it was so neat to be watching a movie about a criminal. I am very entertained and intrigued by mob movies, books, and facts, but when it finally sunk in that this had actually happened in the town I was in, I got a little spooked.

Nearly two weeks after that night, I went to my internship where breaking news had just happened. I walked in and the story was: *Neighbors, Officials on Alert after Indiana State Prison Inmates Escape*. A little mind boggling, I would say. Three inmates, Lance Battreal, Charles Smith, and Mark Booher (all in their 40's) escaped from The Indiana State Prison in Michigan City. Battreal received a 50 year sentence for rape in 1998. Smith and Booher were sentenced for a murder conviction in 1999. Smith was seeing 95 years and Booher, 65 years.

This isn't common information to bear when you are working at a news station in this area. Granted, these are the stories that define the word "news," but it's a bit of a shock to the system to hear the news as is, let alone that it happened in a place where you work and live for that matter. I work in Michigan City at Buffalo Wild Wings, and when I went to work the next day, I was a bit restricted. I usually go out after with friends to local bars in the area, and those nights of dancing



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Kayla shows off her press pass from her summer internship.

until 3 a.m. quickly turned into not even wanting to be out after dark. I was even nervous to learn the inmates had been at places I go such as local gas stations and the Blue Chip Casino.

What's with these prison breaks? What's up with our security? The inmates escaped through a sewer tunnel; that is outrageous! Security didn't even realize they were gone, initially. However, police were on the ball once they were out. One night at WSBT-TV, I was assigned to shadow reporter Troy Kehoe at the College Football Hall of Fame, a nice feature piece. The story quickly was bagged because we received word of breaking news that an inmate had been spotted. We turned the truck around and headed to Michigan City, my turf.

Even though it was a bit frightening, it was amazing to see how police handle such a situation. There was a chopper in the air searching the woods where the sighting occurred, canines were on the premises, and officials were throughout the area armed and protected. The search went on for a few hours, but it was called off due to storms and no suspects found. With the worrisome of citizens, it was assumed the sighting was out of fright. A few days following, the inmates were caught in southern Indiana. The significance of this piece is the irony of how a 1930's criminal and prison escapee of the area is nothing short of the past. Even though security has improved, it can still happen today, right in your own backyard, right down the road from PNC.

Enjoy the full PNC experience by becoming involved



By Lyndsie Daikhi
Editor

When I first came to PNC my freshman year, I came with the intention of leaving and transferring to Purdue in West Lafayette. I figured that I would come to this campus and get all of my core classes out of the way and try to acclimate myself to college life.

However, after my first semester, I had enjoyed my classes and my overall experience. It was at that time that I decided that I wanted to stay at PNC.

One of the main reasons that I decided to stay at PNC is because I have found many opportunities that I may not have been able to if I were at another school. For example, I feel that at another with a larger student body the possibility of me being involved with a student publication since my very first semester would most likely not have been. I decided to stay at PNC is because of these opportunities as well as the activities that I became involved with.

Some of my most fond memories of my college experience thus far have been related to the organizations that I have become involved with. Through these organizations I have been challenged to do things that I never thought I would be able to do. I have learned a great deal and

gained real life experiences that I would have missed had I just came to campus for class and just left. Also through these organizations I have made many lifelong friends and contacts.

It is because of this that I would encourage all students to become involved with activities on campus. Many new (as well as some returning) students may be surprised at the different groups open to all. From sports to professional organizations, there are many clubs open and starving for more members. Being the editor for the school newspaper as well as being involved with student government, I know personally the struggle that clubs go through to maintain membership.

I realize that not all students are able to join in groups in school. Many find it difficult to juggle work, family, and school. I understand that this is the fact for many students. On the other hand, if you are one of the more fortunate that has time on their hands, I would strongly encourage you to test many different groups until you find the ones that you enjoy most.

I know that PNC may not be the perfect fit for everyone, but I can say for me that it has been and without the activities that I have been a part of at PNC I would not be the person that I am today had I decided to leave.

The Voice

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Question of the Month

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What course would you like to see come to PNC?

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Horehound, Jack White does not disappoint

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

For most people, having one internationally renowned rock band would be more than enough to fill their plate. This is not the case for Jack White. The front man and leader for both The White Stripes and The Raconteurs, has made yet another outlet for his music. He has found it in his new band, The Dead Weather. Making up this new American alternative (almost grunge-ish at times) band, is a collaboration of Jack White on drums, Alison Mosshart of The Kills on vocals, Dean Fertita from the Queens of the Stone Age playing lead guitar, and Jack Lawrence of The Raconteurs and The Greenhornes on bass. Within Third Man Records' recording studio, they have created the eleven song debut album named Horehound.

The entire album is filled with the raw guitar riffs and distinct rhythmic drum beats one would associate with a Jack White project. From the very first track the listener cannot help but to bob his or her head to the beat. The fifth track, Treat Me Like Your Mother, starts off with a blast of guitar and Alison's dark mysterious (yet wild) alto voice. The song soon builds into something of a rock rap, that the listener is almost forced to sing along with.

Another key track on the album would be, I Cut Like A Buffalo. The direction of sound that the album had been forming veers toward a definite reggae motif in this song. In an inter-



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Horehound deserves 8.5 out of 10 on Taylor's scale.

view, Jack White said it was his favorite song on the album and yet at the same time he was scared to listen to it. The opening line states, "You know I look like a woman, but I cut like a buffalo." Throughout the rest of the song its lyrics seem to be trying to say that, "Even though I don't act serious, I need to be taken seriously." White says that the reason it scares him so much is because he was being completely honest with himself when he wrote it. Though, when analyzed, the song has a strong undertone, I can assure the reader that it's the perfect song to listen to when sitting back and chillin' with your

friends.

The entire album works in a similar fashion. Even with all the hard hitting rock, it still makes for a great soundtrack for the mellow times as well. Also, if the reader was curious, the female vocals do nothing but escalate the music, and after listening through the album, the reader will not want it any other way. I would give Horehound 8.5 out of 10. It's safe to say that Jack White does not disappoint. This is a great album and the reader can rest assured that there are plenty more to come.

Julie & Julia "funny, insightful, poignant"

By Rachael Herbert-Varchetto
Staff Writer

Food is an essential part of who we are. Food can be a comfort in times of stress and it preparing it can certainly calm a person with the subtle smells and textures that come with executing a recipe. Recently I saw a film that that absolutely confirmed why I love food as much as I do and proved once again why I should try to master the art of cooking.

I saw "Julie & Julia" its opening weekend, expecting the film to be a boring little chick-flick without much idea of what it was about. As far as I could tell, it had something to do with Julia Child, portrayed by Meryl Streep (The Devil Wears Prada), as the famous cook who helped bring French cooking to the average American housewife, and some woman who decided to work through Child's cookbook, Julie Powell, portrayed by Amy Adams of films Doubt and Enchanted.

Julie Powell is a woman who works in a cubicle dealing with the aftereffects of 9/11 and the redevelopment of the land where the Twin Towers collapsed. Powell, after a horrible and frustrating day at work, picks up her copy of Julia Child's Mastering the Art of French Cooking and decides, with a little help from her husband, to cook every one of the recipes in the book and chronicle her adventure in a blog. Simultaneously the film covers the years that Child and her husband spent in France while he was working as a foreign diplomat. Over the course of a year, Powell cooks each recipe, and as she journeys into mastering French cooking, we are shown

how Julia Child became the fantastic chef the world came to love, for her boisterous and fearless way of approaching cooking.

The acting for this film was solid. There was never a moment that you questioned Meryl Streep. Transfixed to the screen, I had no doubt in my mind whom Streep was portraying; she was that convincing. Child's personality came alive. Streep made Child appear clever, funny, warm, and always straight and to the point. Amy Adams' part was not as complex as Streep's certainly, but she did a convincing job of playing the frazzled office worker who takes comfort in making culinary masterpieces. Though I liked Adams well enough in the film, her character's enthusiastic nature and (borderline) obsession with creating every single one of Child's dishes did get on my nerves at times, but usually made for funny moments in her quest for completing the challenge.

Speaking of funny moments, this film delivers on the laughs. The first two-thirds of this movie is ripe with jokes. The theater, though not crowded, had plenty of people who were in stitches over the commentary in the film, discussing everything from food to sex. One of the most memorable moments of the film involved lobster, in which Powell must boil a crustacean for the first time. With the tune of "Psycho Killer" by The Talking Heads playing as background music, even someone who doesn't like this film will find themselves smirking as Powell and her husband try to overcome the terrible screams of the lobsters who refuse to die without rebelling. Child's wit and bold way of div-

ing into her cooking also provided for some serious enjoyment and laughter.

While the first half of the movie is funny and insightful, the last thirty minutes dragged on a bit. The ending didn't deliver in quite the way that I had hoped it would, but if anything proves that we can't always meet our heroes, and that maybe we shouldn't. Life isn't exactly as we hope it will be and so we make do with what we've got, as evidenced by what Child goes through in order to publish her book and how Powell deals with Child's reaction to Powell's pet project. Powell comes to an understanding of herself, believing that her year with Julia did in fact help her become a better person if not a better cook who appreciates food.

This film is funny, insightful, and poignant. There is never a time when you sit there and weep over the poor heroine's misfortune; it's not that kind of film. This movie illustrates some of the difficulties people face as they reach adulthood, and more importantly, what you can do with your life when things don't go according to plan. If you're looking for something clever and enjoyable that doesn't require much emotional involvement and highlights two people's passion and appreciation of food, this is a movie that many people will enjoy, though the younger generations may not understand some of the historical references in the film. A round of applause is well deserved for "Julie & Julia".

PNC Odyssey Presents "P.E.S.O. - Pictures Every So Often"



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One of the pieces by Horowitz that will be on display.

WESTVILLE - The Purdue University North Central Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series is presenting the exhibit, "P.E.S.O. - Pictures Every So Often" from Aug. 17 through Dec. 29 by photographer John Horowitz. It may be viewed in the first floor, north study area of the PNC Technology Building. It is free and open to the public. Building hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Horowitz, an Elkhart resident, explained the inspiration for the photographs that comprise this show, "A fellow artist admired several pieces of mine but made a vexing comment 'You hold no discernible genre' or style but I can always tell what pieces are yours.' We discussed if it would be possible to do a show composed solely of 'snapshots' that were as perfect as any photography contrived or executed with artistic intent in a studio. The work would be spontaneous and done without electronic wizardry or darkroom manipulation. What made this interesting was that he could not do the same that he had asked of me. As a painter he had to select each nuance of color then place every brush stroke to form a work of technical and esthetic purity without being able to 'edit' the final piece."

"In 1977 I read '...photography, for me is a supreme moment captured with a single shot.' - Henri Cartier-Bresson. It was not surprising that the same question had been asked of him in an interview that originally appeared in 'Camera' magazine. His work has

been called 'The Decisive Moment' perfect snapshots of everyday life capturing what he termed both intuitive and poetic."

Horowitz said that he used manual settings on an inexpensive camera, "fitting a silent frame around the essence of illusion, an elusive moment lost in time but for the sound of a shutter. Through the camera I can examine the relationship of people or objects that surround them but it is the camera that will fix those relevancies in time."

His work has been shown at the Art Institute of Chicago; the Guggenheim Museum; the Smithsonian Institute; Oxford University; the Washington Street Gallery, Ann Arbor, Mich.; WNIT - TV South Bend; WTTW - TV Chicago; South Bend Regional Museum of Art; Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City; Gallerie del Corazon, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart; Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, Mich.; Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, Mich.; Northern Indiana Center for History, South Bend; Chicago Board of Education and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

Some pieces will be available for purchase.

To obtain further information about this exhibit or the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series, contact Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of Marketing and Community Relations, at 785-5200, ext. 5593. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Jacobi.

Ant Farm is "laugh out loud funny"

By Jacob Havner
Staff Writer

Ant Farm is the debut novel from author Simon Rich. This witty novel is composed of fifty seven, two to three page, humorous observations about life. These collections are derived from his own childhood memories, and daily observations. Rich explores all aspects of life in 'Ant Farm' as he asks such questions as:

- are love coupons still valid after a break up?
- What happens when the carnival's guess your weight guy gets married?
- If murder's are forgiven by Jesus and are let into heaven, how awkward is it when they run into their victims?

Published by Random House in 2007, this book was met with excellent reviews. Due to its massive success, Rich quickly followed with another book



called 'Free Range Chickens', which was published in 2008.

Rich also has another book coming in 2009. This book is a quick read, and is laugh out loud funny.

I highly suggest this book when looking for a quick read, or when wanting a quick laugh.

Campus News

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Funding is Approved for Student Services and Activities Complex

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

With the funding approved, it will only be a matter of time before PNC sees the new construction for the Student Services and Activities Complex.

The state legislature approved funding of \$1,000,000 for architectural and engineering design services for the project during their last budget session. This amount is purely for the construction of the facility as it is designed. Back in September of 2008, the Purdue University Board of Trustees approved the planning for the overall \$34.7 million dollar facility. This 150,000 gross square-foot building will be used for student services and university sponsored events, something highly desired for the university and community. An architectural firm has been chosen from Valparaiso as well as an engineering firm from Indianapolis.

"This building will transform our campus and have cascading positive impacts for many years into the future for PNC students, faculty, staff and our surrounding communities," Chancellor Dworkin said.

The reasoning for this construction is PNC is the only Purdue or Indiana University campus without this type of facility. Because of this, they are unable to provide programs and activities that are available at every other four-year state-supported educational institution in Indiana.

The new facilities available will allow both students and members of the community to participate in fitness and recreational activities, collegiate athletics and intramural activities. These accommodations are said to incorporate formal and informal education into the lives of students as well as healthy living, as proposed in the plan.

Assemblies, convocations, exhibitions and community events will be able to be held at this site. Local businesses and organizations will also be able to use the facility for such purposes. However, for the students in the athletic program, the new addition is essential due to the constant relocating of sporting events.

"This is a very important and exciting project that will transform the student experience at PNC," Vice Chancellor Steve Turner said.

The mission is clear: to encourage social interaction, engage the community and enhance the academic tradition. With the new complex, PNC will grow to new strengths in terms of student and community support as well as accreditation with other institutions.

"I am very excited and pleased to be able to move forward," said Chancellor Dworkin.

Banner system keeps students in the know

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Purdue North Central has officially switched over to the Banner system. It is easily navigated by all new users who are unfamiliar with the program. By logging into their Portal account through My PNC, students can find the black-boxed link to launch the Banner program on the left hand side of the web page. Under the main menu one can find all information regarding the student him or herself, financial aid and registration.

The Director of Academic advising at PNC, Barb Austin claims that "[Banner] benefits students because they can now be in charge of their education." By using the program students now register for classes themselves. After selecting the Student Section on the main menu, simply go to the Registration link and follow through to Add or Drop Classes. Students have access to search every class offered from PNC by means of subject, instructor, or even the time slot available.

Students can keep fully

aware of updates in their financial aid eligibility and obligations. There is access to both the PNC estimated cost of attendance and personal financial aid award information, along with common questions and general web links for financial assistance. A quick link over to the Student section will allow users to manage personal accounts with PNC. Here students and parents can check an account status, review payments and credits, pay through eBills and even set up a payment plan. With Purdue going paperless, Austin states that the ability to view student statements for fees is "the most important thing about Banner."

Having the facility to register for classes at home or on campus, check on financial accounts and access unofficial student transcripts right on hand, PNC uses the Banner system to efficiently keep students in the know-how. Austin emphasizes, "All students need to login and check their Banner accounts frequently and become more familiar with what is available."

SGA President Welcomes Students

Dear Fellow Students,

My name is Aleah Turner and I am honored to serve as your Student Government President for the 2009-10 school year. Let me be among the first to welcome you to our beautiful campus! Whether you are visiting us before you head off to another university or staying here to earn your degree, you have truly made an excellent decision. Purdue North Central has often been called one of Purdue's nicest campuses, but that is not all we have to offer.

Currently our campus offers seven associate's degrees, nineteen undergraduate degrees, and two master's degrees. Unlike the West Lafayette campus, we offer smaller classes that give students one-on-one attention from professors and the option to stay close to home and save money. We are also not solely a commuter campus; students have the option of living near campus at the University Village just across the highway. For those of you who are looking to play college sports, we offer basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, and cheerleading.

It's an exciting time to be a Purdue North Central student. Our campus has been rapidly expanding not only in student



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2009-2010 Student Government President Aleah Turner

enrollment, but also in size. For the past few years Purdue North Central's students, staff, and faculty have been working on a strategic plan for the future of our university, which included a new Student Activities building. In July of 2009 the State Assembly approved a budget that included our new activities center. To paraphrase Neil Armstrong's famous quote, "That was one small step for Indiana and one giant leap for Purdue North Central!"

Whatever your reason for becoming a student at our fine university, I encourage you to become involved and make the

most of your time here. Our campus offers 42 clubs ranging from national honor societies like Phi Eta Sigma to the Kickboxing Club. Taking the initiative to become more involved in extracurricular activities will not only enrich your education and time as a student, but also serves as a résumé builder.

Good luck in the semesters ahead. I encourage you to take the extra effort to be involved and enjoy your time at Purdue North Central. You will be glad you did.

Sincerely,
Aleah Turner

Vice Chancellor Barrett welcomes new students with advice

Welcome to the Purdue University North Central Family!

I would encourage you to make the most of your experience at Purdue North Central by engaging in learning both inside and outside the classroom. At PNC we provide engaging student activities, community/service learning opportunities, athletics, and caring support services. With over 40 student clubs and organizations on campus there is something for everyone to become involved with.

The first few weeks as a new college student will be a significant change in your life and one of the most important times for you to become a successful college student. I encourage you to do the following:

1. Attend all of your classes.
2. Ask questions of your teachers or others at PNC.
3. Find out who your academic advisor is and introduce yourself.
4. Check your PNC email account frequently (THIS IS THE OFFICIAL WAY WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU!)
5. Have a plan on how to study and satisfy academic course

requirements. A rule of thumb is that full time students should expect to spend at least 40 hours outside of class each week studying and doing research/assignments.

6. If you are a full time student take at least 15 credit hours to graduate on time.

7. Make your academic studies a priority over work and play.

8. Utilize the Student Success Center for tutoring or support services if you are having difficulty in classes.

9. Contact the Dean of Students office (Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 103), Enrollment Services (Technology Building Room 157), or my office (Schwarz Hall Room 136) for help.

10. Get involved on campus!

I look forward to meeting you at Orientation or during the first few weeks of the semester.

Larry
Lawrence M. Barrett
Vice Chancellor for
Enrollment Management and
Student Services

PNC Going Green

By Rachael Herbert-Varchetto
Staff Writer

Like many college campuses around the country, Purdue North Central is taking the dive into the pool of going "green" by expanding its recycling program thanks to the Manager of Building Services, Rickey Dotson. Dotson came into the position approximately six months ago and has helped the program go farther than it had previously and feels it is an important program.

Dotson says the program is so important because, "It's good for our environment that's on campus and so that everybody involved does as much as possible."

For the moment, Dotson is the main force behind the new program, as he is still in the process of arranging pickups for the recyclables. According to Dotson, 90% of items on campus will be recycled with the new program. There will be recycling bins in the classrooms and all the office areas to start.

"I would like to see more recycling here on campus," he

says. "[PNC] had a recycling program in place already. All I did was just stepped it up a couple notches with doing more pickups."

But the program is not all about putting paper into its proper bin. Going green means everyone and everything has something to contribute, including local businesses.

PNC currently is serviced by Waste Management in Westville, which it has as contracted to remove and properly dispose of PNC's recyclables. Porter County Solid Waste District has also been an aide to Dotson's program.

"I've met with them several different times and they do have some ideas of what we need to do and what we can do, and go into the future to make our campus green," he says. Dotson would also like to see other area businesses get involved with the program and to help.

But PNC has also had its own staff helping along the way too. "We have help in the kitchen with recycling. There are certain areas on the campus that we've worked with," Dotson said.

The campus will also be recycling old computers. Dotson says that he's currently in the process of getting the old computers picked up for recycling instead of going to a landfill.

Future plans for the PNC Recycling Program also may include a future joint program with other local area colleges. Dotson says that he's already looked into updating all of the equipment, such as the vacuum cleaners, as well as other cleaning implements.

"We're trying to cut back on some chemicals that we use to strip floors with," he says. "There are different areas we can approach on that and I'm looking into hopefully having that on campus here in the next couple years."

The chemicals used for cleaning are all green cell approved, although there are three different chemicals that currently are not.

Within the next few years, PNC can look forward to making great leaps towards going green as new advances in environmental science come along.

PNC keeping up with technology, updates website

By Jacob Havner
Staff Writer

As we move into a more increasingly technological world, Purdue North Central is keeping in step with the latest trends. The main focus of the technology team has been the PNC homepage. Over the past year several updates have been made to the website to give it a new face, and be more user-friendly. Among these changes has been an added importance to the student activities section.

When looking at the office of student activities page, there is a very extensive layout of upcoming events on the campus. More often than not, when students are asked about student activities, the resounding answer is that they have no clue when or where events are being held. This input was really taken into account when designing the updated student activities site. Now a daily calendar can be found in the middle of the page. This calendar gives a breakdown of what events are being held on that particular

day, as well as what time and where. The calendar also allows you to click on upcoming days in the semester and see what events are going on during that given day.

Another feature of the newly updated page is the easy to use search for all of the organizations on campus. Below scrolling pictures of students enjoying campus events, are two links. These two links allow you to search for organizations by either category, or an alphabetical list. Both of these links give a very detailed list of all of the activities and clubs going on around campus.

More recently PNC has added a link to a new Facebook page. This Facebook page gives students a more accessible way to view events going on around campus. As opposed to going through the PNC website, now students can simply log onto their Facebook account. Through this account, announcements are sent out, as well as event invitations to whatever is coming up around campus.

The Right and Left of Things

The Cash for Clunkers Debate

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Editor

The government's recently created Cash for Clunkers program has, despite searing criticism, done several things to boost the economy as well as move forward in the Obama administration's goal of a "greener" nation.

Cash for Clunkers began July 24, with the government providing vouchers of either \$3,500 or \$4,500 for consumers who trade in old vehicles with low mileage for new fuel-efficient models. Last week, as the \$1 billion allotted to the program appeared in danger of running out, the Senate followed the House in approving another \$2 billion for it.

Many car dealerships are reporting low inventories from the influx of people trading in their old gas guzzling SUVs for newer, more fuel efficient vehicles. The government has reported that nearly a quarter-million vehicles have been traded in since the program has been put into



effect.

Chrysler has started up 10 plants that have been closed because of the increase in demand for cars. The company's Jeep Compass, Jeep Patriot and Dodge Caliber are in short supply because of the clunker program's success.

According to the AP, the Cash for Clunkers program by

trading in a car with low gas mileage each driver would save 700,000 tons a year of carbon emission. However, a great many critics feel that this is not enough savings to warrant the amount of money that the government is spending. To those critics, proponents of the program believe that the ball needs to start rolling somewhere.

By Rachael Herbert-Varchetto
Staff Writer

Not too long ago, a program was enacted by Congress that is supposed to not only help people get more fuel-efficient vehicles, but also help reduce the amount of carbon emissions put out each year in the US. This program, called the Car Allowance Rebate System, known as CARS or Cash for Clunkers, allows for people with a non fuel-efficient car to go to a dealership and trade the car in for a rebate between \$3500-4500, and then upgrade to a car with better gas mileage. The more mileage you get on that car you just traded for, the more money you get out of the rebate.

Sounds simple enough and hey, you get free money too! But the real question here is where is that money coming from to pay those rebates?

The government allocated \$1 billion from taxpayer money to put into the CARS program. The program, having been very popular, has already gone through much of the money. Recently Congress allocated another \$2 billion. But as a citizen of the country, do you really want your tax dollars going as a rebate for someone's new car?

Which comes to the second question: What qualifies as a clunker?

According to CARS.gov, the "vehicle must have been manufactured less than 25 years before the date you trade it in, have a 'new' combined city/highway fuel economy of 18 miles per gallon or less, be in drivable condition, be continuously insured and registered to the same owner for the full year preceding the trade-in." In addition "The trade-in vehicle must have been manufactured not earlier than 25 years before the date of trade in" and "must also have been manufactured not later than model year 2001."

While all of those qualifications may apply to your car, you must ask yourself: do you really need a more fuel efficient vehicle? Your car, which may qualify for this program, is probably still in a decently drivable condition. You may not get 30 miles to the gallon with your car, more like 15 or 20, but that's not bad. Your car, if it still runs, has probably a few more years left on it, is already paid for, and you can still get some good mileage, even if it's not the 30+ MPG that is desired by some politicians touting this program.

There have been reports of people going in with their old cars to the dealerships and purchasing a 70+ thousand dollar car just because they can get a few thousand off the retail value. Are these cars more fuel efficient? Maybe, maybe not. But does it really matter? How much less of a carbon emission are really being put out? According to the AP not very much. They claim that by doing the math, you would save on average 700,000 tons a year of carbon emissions, compared to the 6.4 billion tons created last year. In total, that's 57 minutes of the total output from all of America's cars. And they call that saving the environment.

Another poignant question: What happens to those clunkers that are traded in for that new-spangled emission reducing car?

It gets scrapped and shredded. According to law, those cars have to be junked and cannot be sold, even if they are still in perfectly good condition and still very drivable. Instead of destroying perfectly good cars, why not sell them to third world countries that will get use out of them? Most first time car buyers do not buy a brand new car; it's too expensive. Instead, these Clunker Cars that have a few more years left on them should be sold again as used cars, because that rebate doesn't really cover a large percentage of the cost of that new fuel-efficient car. These cars are assets that are being wasted and destroyed for no reason, other than they happen to be a little out of date.

To sum it up, American's hard earned tax dollars are going to a government funded program that gives people money for their clunker cars and takes those cars that are still serviceable and destroys them instead of selling those cars and turning a good profit. In addition, the carbon emissions that are supposedly being saved by upgrading to new fuel-efficient cars is tiny compared to the amount of emissions put out in a whole year.

If you would like to read the 136 pages of paperwork put out to make the simple exchange of an old car for over \$3000, you can read the file at <http://www.cars.gov/files/TheRule.pdf> for the exact details of how the program works. By the way, this is how much the dealerships have to go through in order to process each and every vehicle. Happy reading!

Grads Remain Optimistic Despite Economic Downturn

By Jacob Havner
Staff Writer

During the current economic downturn more and more people have had to tighten their belts. More and more we hear of layoffs and more companies closing down. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the outlook is not good. The NACE reported that college recruiting is at its lowest level in six years. This poll also reported a 52% cut in companies hiring college graduates.

However when college students across the United States were faced with these statistics a majority of them responded with a positive attitude. Several students simply saw these statistics as a challenge to try harder in school and strive to do their best. Also when companies were asked about their hiring policies they gave some very interesting facts for students looking for jobs. These companies reported that they had been noticing a lack of professionalism from the graduates that they interviewed for jobs. This just goes to show how much simple manners and dressing appropriately for the job, can really put you ahead of the field. However, there is still more hope

Fastest Growing Jobs in Indiana

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- Computer Security Specialists +106% change
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- Medical Assistants +62% change
- Speech Pathologists and Audiologists +60% change

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yet. Recently there has been a big push to create new jobs in growing markets; President Obama made this one of his main points of focus while running for president. One of the major markets that is creating several new jobs is the green movement in America. Going "green" has the potential to create over two million new jobs by 2010, according to ecogeek.org. This movement is being looked at as such an economic cure because of all that it encompasses.

Other markets to look at include technology and health care. Technology is growing so fast due to its ever changing state. As we move towards a more paperless world, technology becomes ever more important. Healthcare is also a growing field due to the ageing of the baby boomer generation. As more and more people retire and move into nursing homes at record rates, a need to employ more people to care for them also arises.

Obama Endorses Community Colleges

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

In a speech entitled "Rebuilding Something Better" President Obama discussed the economic situation that the nation is in. In his address he spoke of six months prior, when his administration had taken office in one of the worst economic times in the countries history. He stated how the quick and "aggressive" actions taken at that time had helped at least somewhat stabilize the financial system.

The President went on to describe The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He explained that this Act was not meant to, "restore the economy to full health on its own but to provide the boost necessary to stop the free fall." The Act was based primarily on the proposals of President Obama. It is intended to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy. In total the Act is nomi-

inally worth \$787 billion. The Act includes federal tax cuts, domestic spending in health care, education, and infrastructure, including alternate energy research and construction. It also enacts the expansion of unemployment benefits and other social welfare provisions. Though not only does the Act cover economic items but non-economic recovery items as well. For example, there will be more funding for studying the effectiveness of certain medical treatments. This Stimulus Act of 2009 is much larger than the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, which consisted mostly of tax rebate checks and was nominally worth \$152 billion.

Although the President made it clear that he was fully confident in the U.S. to make it through this crisis together he posed the question, "Once we clear away the wreckage, what will we build in its place?" Obama believes that

after fixing the economy, the nation must confront the weaknesses so the economy will be more stable for the future. A major way of doing this is to allow more people to get the training and schooling that is needed to compete in today's job market.

In order to better prepare the people for the future jobs in an ever-changing world, Obama's administration has set a goal of leading the world in college degrees by 2020. He plans on doing this by helping Americans more easily afford a college education, but just as importantly, by strengthening the country's network of community colleges.

"We believe it's time to reform our community colleges so that they provide Americans of all ages a chance to learn the skills and knowledge necessary to compete for the jobs of the future. Our community colleges can serve as 21st-century job training

centers, working with local businesses to help workers learn the skills they need to fill the jobs of the future. We can reallocate funding to help them modernize their facilities, increase the quality of online courses and ultimately meet the goal of graduating 5 million more Americans from community colleges by 2020," said Obama.

President Obama plans to invest an unprecedented \$12 billion in community colleges. The plan is for 75% of this money to go toward creating grant programs for schools and states to test promising programs. These programs are ones that are meant to improve student learning, student completion rates, and schools' abilities to track their students' academic progress. Obama hopes to spend \$2.5 billion revitalizing community colleges' infrastructure, and \$500 million on expanding students' access to online education.

Obama's proposal is the first major, federally funded community college construction project since the 1960's. Then, the government distributed \$1 billion each year between 1965 and 1970. Officials say that this is the first administration since Lyndon Johnson to see the need to help community colleges.

The President closed his speech by stating that making the changes to provide all Americans with the skills to make this country better cannot wait. "We must continue to clean up the wreckage of this recession, but it is time to build a better place. Earlier generations of Americans didn't build this great country by fearing the future and shrinking our dreams. This generation has to show that same courage and determination. I believe we will."

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Fall Sports Preview:

Panther Volleyball, Basketball hungry for success

By Colin Terrill
Staff Writer

With one program in its third year and the other in the middle of a three-year rebuilding program, the PNC Panthers Volleyball and Basketball programs are looking forward to starting up play again and both are hungry for success. After a year of firsts and growing pains both clubs look forward towards bright futures heading into the fall.

Coming off a 22-21 (3-7 conference) record, the Panthers Volleyball team turned in a decent season last year. This one game over .500 record was good enough to earn them a seventh place finish as well as an invitation to the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) tournament. The team only looks to get better when play resumes thanks to a strong returning core centered on their senior setter Alyssa Davis, sophomore defensive specialist Megan Staroscak, and sophomore middle hitter Brooke Lantis. The only downside for the team appears to be the depth of their roster. The

Athletic Department is still looking for players and if you are interested in possibly joining the team you are urged to speak to volleyball head coach John Higgins as soon as possible. The Lady Panthers season will start off when they take part in the Concordia Tournament at Ann Arbor, MI August 21-22.

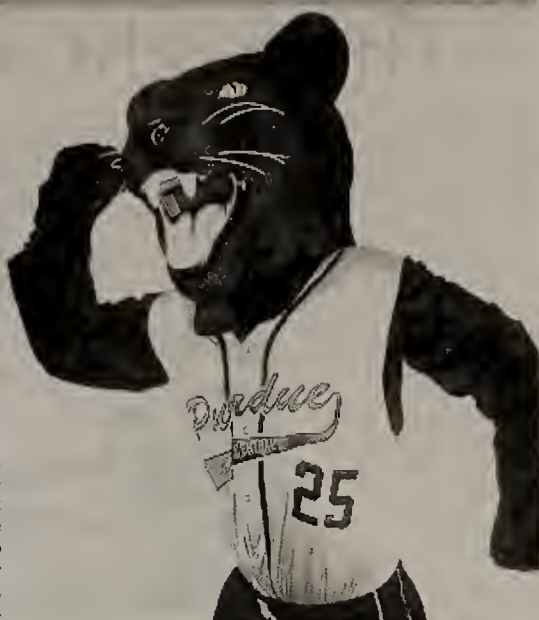
Unfortunately, the Panthers Basketball team had a little bit of a tougher time last year. Finishing with a last place 4-27 (1-11 conference) record in the CCAC, many people could mistake the future as looking bleak, but with a traditionally strong conference playing weaker than usual and a team that is coming off a rebuilding process, it could be the Panthers time to strike. The team will be lead by Marcus Isaac this season, a returning sophomore guard/forward that made the CCAC All-Conference team last season along with Ryan Chambers, JF Ndomb, and DJ Green.

"We expect to win. We expect the team to grow in the win-loss column this season," Athletic Director John Weber

said, noting that the team has basically grown from nothing over the last two years.

The Panthers Basketball season will start off with a home match up against Indiana-South Bend on October 30, with their home games being played this year at the LaPorte Civic Auditorium.

Along with both teams starting their seasons, the baseball team will have a "spring" training fall program to make sure that everyone stays in playing condition and to be able to view what the team might look like in the Spring. Softball also will keep busy as they will be holding their annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on September 10. Also taking place on September 10 will be the PNC Athletic Golf Outing at the Valparaiso Country Club and the Panther Pounce 5k/10k run that will take place in mid-November both of which will benefit the PNC Athletics Department. If you want more information about any of PNC's sports programs including Volleyball and Basketball visit <http://www.pnc.edu/athletics>.



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Height: 6'1"

Weight: 200

Hometown: Westville, IN

In the spring of 2003, the Purdue North Central athletic mascot was officially named "Pounce."

Pounce can be seen roaming around during athletic events, orientation, and various campus activities, greeting students and visitors and spreading PNC pride.

Pounce the Panther replaced our previous mascot, the Centaur, a name that was adopted in 1967 for the new campus.

PNC Baseball Announces Date for Alumni Game

By John Weber
Contributor

The Purdue North Central baseball team will host their fifth annual Alumni Baseball Game at Hicks Field on the south side of campus on Saturday, October 3rd at 11am.

Last year the current Panthers moved their record to 4-0 with a 18-2 victory over the Alumni.

The event is usually tied to the Athletic Department Golf Outing which will take place on Thursday, September 10th at Valparaiso Country Club in Valparaiso, IN. However, Saturday, September 12th is the annual Popcorn Fest in Valparaiso and would conflict with the game.

Several former players are expected back to lead the Alumni, who once again are expected to be managed by former long-time skipper and PNC Hall of Famer, Larry Blake Sr.

The pre-game schedule has the current Panthers taking batting practice from 9 a.m. to 9:40 with the alumni following from 9:40 to 10:20. The varsity will take their pre-game infield from 10:30 to 10:40 and the alumni will follow from 10:40 to 10:50.

The current Panthers start



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Chancellor Dworkin throws out the ceremonial first pitch at last year's alumni game at the Railcat's Stadium in Gary.

practice on August 31st and finished the 2009 season with a record of 31-24 overall and 21-9 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. They also qualified for the NAIA National Tournament by finishing 2nd of 11 teams in the CCAC.

The Panthers have now finished 31-24, 28-21, 28-22 and 32-20 over the past four years. The victory total is the most ever over a four year span for the PNC baseball program. The Panthers have also qualified for the post-season four straight years for the

first time in program history, including two trips to the NAIA National Tournament.

A cookout will follow the game with food and beverages provided by the PNC baseball program.

Please RSVP for the Alumni game to Coach John Weber at 219-785-5273 or jweber@pnc.edu. Coach Weber can also be reached if you are interested in playing or being a sponsor in the golf outing.



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Runners participate in PNC's annual Panther Pounce 5k/10k Run and 5k walk. This years annual Run/Walk will take place on November 14th. For more information or to sign up to participate contact John Weber at jweber@pnc.edu or call (219) 785-5273.

PNC Athletic Golf Outing



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Join the athletic department for their annual golf outing on September 10 at the Valparaiso Country Club. Shotgun start is at 11:30. Contact John Weber at jweber@pnc.edu or 219-785-5273 for more information.

2009-2010 Opening Volleyball Schedule

- 8/21 Concordia Tournament Ann Arbor, MI
- Marygrove College 3 p.m.
- Ohio State Univ. at Marion 7 p.m.
- 8/22 Concordia Tournament Ann Arbor, MI
- Ursuline College 11 a.m.
- Rochester College 1 p.m.
- 8/26 Aquinas College 7 p.m. HOME
- 9/3 Aquinas College 7 p.m. Grand Rapids, MI
- 9/5 Huntington University 1 p.m. HOME
- 9/8 Illinois Institute of Technology 7 p.m. HOME
- 9/11 North Park Tourney TBA Chicago, IL
- 9/12 North Park Tourney TBA Chicago, IL
- 9/14 Indiana University Northwest 7 p.m. Gary, IN
- 9/15 University of St. Francis 7 p.m. HOME

2009-2010 Opening Basketball Schedule

- 10/30 IU - South Bend 7 p.m. HOME
- 11/4 Andrews University 7 p.m. HOME
- 11/13 IU - East 8 p.m. Richmond, IN
- 11/14 IU - Southeast TBA Richmond, IN
- 11/18 Manchester College 6:30 p.m. Manchester, IN
- 11/21 Holy Cross College (IN) 2 p.m. HOME
- 11/24 Moody Bible Institute 7 p.m. Chicago
- UW-Parkside Tournament
- 11/27 Bemidji State University 5 p.m. Kenosha, WI
- 11/28 Grace Bible College (MI) 3 p.m. Kenosha, WI
- 12/2 Trine University 7 p.m. HOME
- 12/5 Silver Lake College TBA Manitowoc, WI
- 12/8 DePauw University 7:30 (ET) Greencastle, IN
- Hope College Tournament

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Top Ten Things Every Freshman Should Know

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

Everyone knows that incoming freshmen have mastered all that there is to know about high school. They have done all the homework and passed every test. They realize that a university is very different from high school. Many freshmen find themselves in need of a little guidance, so The Voice has put together this list of ten things that will hopefully help out any new students here at Purdue North Central and beyond.

1. It may sound cliché but you can NOT wait until the last minute to do something. I'm sure in high school you'd pull an all-nighter and get away with a B (maybe even the infamous A-), but we can assure you that things don't work that smoothly in college. That night of skimming might help you with a little of everything but it surely won't help with an in-depth exam on one issue. Your best option is to take notes, and go over those notes later that same day to make sure you understand them. Then over a course of a week study those notes, along with the book and other resources, for the test.

2. Obviously, doing things too late can hurt you academically, it goes the same for doing things way ahead of schedule. When your professor gives you his or her syllabus, you may feel that you can now get ahead of the pack by doing some assignments well in advance of the due date. The problem is that even though the professor tries to stick to that syllabus, he or she may choose or be forced to modify the assignments due dates and even the objectives of the work. You wouldn't want to spend a few days writing a paper in advance to find out the professor has taken that paper of the syllabus of changed some of its guidelines.

3. Try to enjoy your weekend. Students need that time to have some fun and blow off some steam, and even though it may sound bad, you can always save that work time for Sunday evening. Use Friday and Saturday as time for everything that is NOT school. Try not to think about it, and when you get back to the books on Sunday or Monday you'll feel refreshed, and ready to get back to work. Just so students know there are many areas on the PNC campus that are great for recreational activities. We have a game room in the basement of the LSF Building, right down the hall from the book store. We have basketball courts and baseball fields on the south side of campus. Hiking trails can

be found all throughout the woods to the east of campus. Also, if you haven't noticed yet, we have huge open fields almost everywhere that are great for playing Frisbee or soccer.

4. Networking helps you in the end. Even though it sounds lame and requires you to put yourself out there, perhaps out of your comfort zone, networking is a key to success in the job market. It allows you to get to know professors and business owners on a first name basis, and having those kinds of connections can help when it comes time for internships, recommendations, and future job opportunities.

5. The earlier that you show up for class in the morning, the better parking spot you're going to get. I can't even describe how much of a difference ten minutes makes. I once had a class at eight o'clock in the morning. Because it was so early, you would think that a good spot is guaranteed. Well, in most cases it was. There was almost always a spot open, but there were a few times when I'd be running ten minutes late. I would get to the lot and find it completely full. You have to remember, it's not just you that has to be there at eight, but your whole class of thirty people. Plus the ten or fifteen other classes of thirty as well. Do yourself a favor, show up a little early, get the good spot, and you'll probably have time for a last minute review check for that morning class quiz.

6. The PNC Library, found on the second floor of LSF, is a great place to work on assignments, read a book, browse the internet, or just take a nap. The library has all kinds of books for projects, and research that you might need. They also have magazines, newspapers, and books for leisure reading. If you go to the front desk, they have laptops and headphones that you can rent for free. You just give them your picture ID and sign it out and you can use them for up to 6 hours. There is a computer/printer/scanner room as well. Lastly, quite possibly the most important part, are the two sofas in the back of the library. These sofas are probably the most comfortable place on campus and make a great place to take a nap, or just lounge.

7. When you get hungry, there is a Cafeteria on the main level of LSF as well as a Café right next to it. The cafeteria has pizza, sandwiches, salads, deserts. The café has all kinds of coffee, tea, and also sells ice cream cones. There are also Vending/Snack rooms on the first floor of Schwarz and the second floor of the Technology building.

In these break rooms you can buy drinks and snacks, or heat up food from home in the microwaves. (Side note: If you get tired of school food, there is a McDonald's about eight minutes from the campus south on Route 421.

8. You will soon come to notice, if you haven't already, the large amount of modern art around the PNC campus. It can be found all over the grounds, as well as in LSF with a concentration of the artwork being displayed in the Library. The artwork is leased from many different artists from all over the region. Also, if you find yourself with some open time in between classes, feel free to take a walk around the PNC Pond or Shakespeare's Alley (a garden named after a few famous literary figures, both are found on the northeast side of campus. There is also a large open field on the south east side that has sculptures on display, and is great if you have an hour to spare to walk around.

9. When you first meet your professors, make sure to introduce yourself to them. These instructors are here to help you with anything you need, and it always helps to make sure they know your name. By befriending your professors, you allow them to get to know what kind of person you are and that relates back to the networking section. Also, make sure to write down your professors' office hours. Odds are they have an even busier schedule than you. (Side note: The professor will usually give you his or her office hours on the class syllabus, but if they don't, make sure you ask.) It will be necessary to know when they are available for any questions or help that you might have.

10. Always remember to do your best and to get involved with as much as you can (or as much as you can handle comfortably). The one thing you don't want to have, when you finish your college education, is regrets. Don't regret not studying enough for a class or not joining that club. If you want to join a club, go ahead. The worst case scenario is you end up not liking it, and in that case you can try something else. If there isn't a club that fits what you want to do, you have the option of starting your own club. Even though college can be very stressful at times, remember to try and have fun.

College isn't just about grades and credit hours; it's about meeting new people and going through life experiences that will change you forever.



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PNC grounds are even fun during with snow on the ground.



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Get to know your fellow students. Students display Pride Week shirts that they tie dyed.



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Get to know not only your professors, but also faculty because they are willing to do anything to help you. Vice Chancellor Larry Barrett even took a pie to the face.

Internship opportunity to experience potential career "full throttle"

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

During this summer, I interned with WSBT-TV News in South Bend. I am a Communications major, and I wanted to further my education outside of the classroom as soon as I could. The program taught me more about the real world than anything I could read or hear.

One my first day on the job, I was assigned to work at the South Bend Regional Airport during President Obama's visit to Notre Dame's commencement. I was originally assigned to work operations in the satellite truck, but a White House correspondent had informed me that I was on the list. I received a White House Press Pass and was soon on the field, 150 yards away from Air Force One. We spent all day at the airport covering his arrival and departure. In the meantime, I hung around with WNDU, FOX



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Kayla stands in front of Air Force One when Obama visited South Bend

28, and members of Secret Service.

Because of the economy and short staff, I was able to do many things throughout the internship. At the start of my days, I would get my assignments in the morning meetings, make calls, conduct

interviews, and return to the station to write the scripts for the 5p.m. and 6p.m. shows. The hands-on experience was very educational, and it made me grow up and work. I interviewed interesting people including one of Michigan's State Representative

who proposed a press conference on their new state budget. This was a very important topic to discuss, and I had to ensure that I was reporting the correct information back to the station.

During the internship, I produced a series of on camera stand-up's that allowed me to produce a series. The most important thing that I learned was editing. I was taught the basics, and I learned how to create meaningful and interesting stories. I can use this as a resume for the future.

I also learned how much newspaper writing differs from television writing. Television writing needs to be witty, creative, and alluring. Most news packages last around one minute, thirty seconds. In that time, the writer only has the first five seconds to catch the audience. This game can be stressful, but it makes the stories more fun and interesting to write and watch.

The staff at WSBT was so welcoming. Anchor Jim Pinkerton was my boss, anchors Cindy Ward and Debra Daniel helped me write and gave some great advice for the future. Reporters Kelli Cheatham taught me how to do a proper on camera stand-up, Troy Kehoe taught me how to write a great news package, and both Dustin Grove and John Paul gave me great advice about the industry and career. The photographers were very helpful in teaching me how to speak on camera and edit. Producers Lee, Leslie, and Jodie all helped me to keep my options open about the industry.

Ultimately, the internship was a rewarding experience. I learned so much in so little time. More now than ever I am excited to start my career, and I will do whatever it takes in the meantime to make that happen.

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There will be a book signing following the program.



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October 18

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Government in 2020: Bankrupt or Reborn?

Senior writer and columnist for *National Journal* magazine and correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly*, Jonathan Rauch has authored several books and a multitude of articles on public policy, culture and economics. In his uniquely engaging style, he will take the Forum audience into the future for a glimpse of what our government will look like in 2020 and how we will feel the effects of our battle to come back from the economic recession.

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Creativity and Risk Taking

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There will be a book signing following the program.

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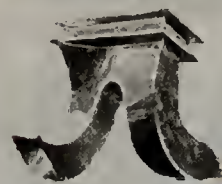
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Celebrating the Jovial Jodi James (1971-2009)

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Jodi E. James, born August 30th in Terre Haute, Indiana, was a file manager of Student Support Services (SSs) and Disability Coordinator for PNC Students. According to her husband (who was in the passenger seat at the time), while passing through the southern city on Route 421 on Saturday, September 5th, a car abruptly stopped for a left turn in front of James' van. With a broken bulb in his left taillight, it was all James could do to avoid a collision. Her only option was to swerve into the oncoming lane. Unfortunately, there was another car in that lane. James' van, modified to allow her to drive with her wheelchair, slammed head on into the second car.

As opposed to a regular van, James' vehicle mandated the driver's airbag be disengaged. Her husband explains this is because "she had to sit closer to the steering wheel than a regular driver, and without the right gap the bag would deploy and crush her." Lamentably, without the aid of an airbag, the steering wheel cracked James' skull resulting in an almost instantaneous parting from this world.

Numerous students all over



campus, those having a direct connection to James, were flooded upon opening an e-mail sent by SSs Director Gail Barker announcing the dismal news. The e-mail detailed the visitation and funeral times along with a note from the family revealing their wish for everyone to forgo sending flowers. They considered a memorial in James' name sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Association more fitting to her. James was officially laid to rest at

Swan Lake Memorial Gardens on the morning of September 10th.

James certainly did remarkable things in her life. Still a newborn, her parents were informed by doctors that she would not live a full year. Though fun loving and jovial, it was her obstinate side that made her prove them wrong. James continued with that spirit to excel academically. Originally in a school for developmentally disabled children, James' mother fought the system to get her

daughter enrolled in a regular elementary school. James exceeded many school officials' expectations and eventually graduated from Ball State University. The two-year program to receive a master's degree in student affairs administration took James only 18 months to complete.

That same drive helped her succeed in other areas. Jodi joined organizations directly concerned with disability services reform. At one time she led the Indiana Council on Independent Living, and later became an active member of ADAPT - active to the point of having been arrested for protesting on behalf of her beliefs.

Here at the PNC campus, James definitely carved out a name for herself. She not only worked to enrich the college experience for disabled students, she also gave of herself. James helped anyone who was in need, regardless of who they were. She enriched the lives of those she helped along with those she worked along side. A campus wide memorial is in the works. However, her husband wishes to express to all this one simple, yet blatantly true, fact: "Jodi died doing the thing she loved most of all: driving."

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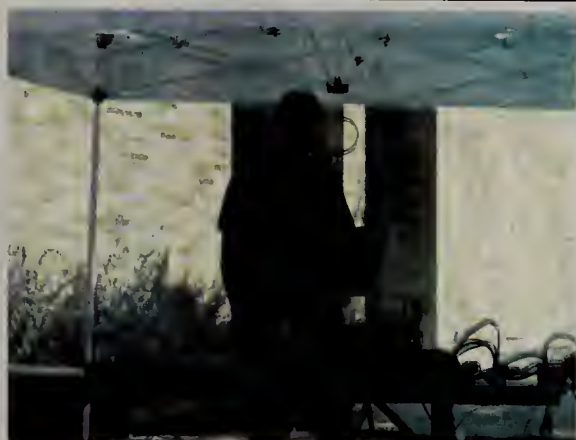
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Purdue Pride Week a success



By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

The first week of getting acquainted with classes gave way to the second week of class as well as Purdue Pride Week. On Monday the festivities began with popcorn and corn-hole.

On Tuesday Pride Week went into full swing as 500 Quizno's subs were provided along with 15 pounds of popcorn. Students had a choice of turkey, ham or roast beef as well as an assortment of beverages to choose from. DJ Wade Breitke, PNC alumni, livened up the atmosphere through music and dancing. Corn-hole and volleyball were set up for students as well as tie-dye. In total for the week, PNC sold 170 T-Shirts, totaling \$850. The proceeds went towards the Dean's Leadership Group.

On Wednesday DJ Wade returned for more entertainment. There was a cookout that issued 380 hamburgers along with bags of Lays potato chips and beverages. Corn-hole and tie-dye were set up as well. Club call-out was a success, and many students showed equal interest in each of the programs.

Thursday was the day for pizza lovers as 50 Little Caesar's pizzas were provided from PNC, and they ran out quickly. 200 hamburgers were made to make up the difference. Tie-dye wrapped up on this day. The basketball team participated in the selling of T-shirts, and they quickly sold out totaling nearly \$1000. Each player had to sell 10 T-shirts for \$10.

"We are very pleased with the turnout. The third day was happily received by all, students and staff. We couldn't have asked for better weather," Keri Marrs-Baron said.



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Commentary

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Perfectionism plagues actions, thoughts

Wisdom comes with age and it seems that as I have grown older, I have become aware of several, what some people would call flaws in my character. What I have been told is the worst of this list is perfectionism.

I am told that perfectionism can cause a myriad of health problems. I am not going to worry about a few premature gray hairs; I guess I will have to invest in some boxes of hair color.

Manifestations of my quest for perfection are numerous. I have started countless projects and spent many hours working on them just to start all over again because I dislike the way that it has turned out. On my computer I have several columns that I have started but have yet to finish. I have not finished them because it seems when I look at them I have hit a mental roadblock, I can not seem to finish them because I do not like how they have started or I cannot see a clear path of how they will be finished.

At work there is a drawer full of all the essential writing utensils and other assorted items like lip gloss and lotion and I have organized said drawer with a little compartment for the lotion and lip gloss as well as the writing utensils. I have also rubber banded all the different pens (naturally there has to be a different bundle for both the red and black pens), pencils, markers and highlighters. If I am off for a few days and I come back to see that the organization has been destroyed I must fix it immediately. I have been chided at work for being OCD but I assure you that it is not so. I just feel that everything has its place and life is much easier if everything is in its place.

The cause of my perfection is unknown, but I think that there are several possible explanations.

In terms of astrological zodiacs I am a Scorpio and supposed-



ly they are constantly seeking perfection and they also tend to lean toward extremes. I know I may alienate some of you reading this now, or perhaps when I write this it will be a blow to my credibility, but I think that there is some truth to characteristics associated with the sign and some of the people that I know who were born under different signs.

I have heard that the order of birth has its affect upon the quest for perfection. I am not the oldest, but with a large gap age difference, well, I will place some of the blame of my behavior upon it. I have often attached blame on my "problem" because of my birth order. First born children are often driven and act out with perfectionist behavior. This excuse is a little flimsy, I do have an older sister, but with a few years age difference, this argument is hard

to ignore.

Another reason I think that I seek perfection is because I am a very motivated and I want the best for myself. I am willing to work hard to get what I want no matter what hardships I may have to endure. Although I am not perfect at the time as I write this I have a closet that appears that a tornado has hit and left my wardrobe ripped asunder, and well, as long as the door can be closed, it just seems to be right with the world.

Obama puts struggles for education in perspective



By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

Why are you in college? What motivated you to enroll, and most importantly, not drop out? Maybe you're doing it for your job, to enhance your education so you're more valuable at your position, thus higher pay. Maybe you're a parent and you're doing it to set an example, doing it for your family, trying to improve the life for them through the life in you. Maybe it's just typically the next step, and you're doing it without even thinking about it. So who's motivating you?

The hardest times can make it seem impossible. To go to school when you would just rather work, to cancel plans because you have class or an exam to study for, to go for four years-these realistic attitudes consume many students. President Obama recently met with students in Arlington, VA to talk about these issues. He mentioned the fact that not every student is going to like every class they take and that times may get rough at home or in other situations that may keep you from focusing on school. However, he emphasized the importance on focusing on your strengths and never shying away from them.

"Every single one of you has something that you're good at. Every single one of you has something to offer," Obama told students at the Wakefield High

School in Arlington, VA.

He also touched on the fact that are real to students in high school-college age group Facebook.

"Be careful what you post on Facebook. Whatever you post it will be pulled up again somewhere in your life," Obama said.

Obama's presentation of the cyberspace issue was important to address because many students have gotten into trouble through Facebook who have everything in the world going for them. What's more motivational? Getting good grades, a good reputation or putting pictures of you at a friend's party down at a main campus?

In all, Obama stressed the importance of education effort. He talked about having a straight mindset and how going to school will not benefit anyone but you.

"There is no excuse for not trying. The truth is, being successful is hard. You won't get every subject that you study. You won't click with every teacher that you have," Obama said.

This article put things in perspective for me. Even when times get tough trying to balance school, activities, and work, the bigger picture is the only thing in sight.

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Has your lifestyle changed drastically since being back in school?

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Zombie, Halloween "genius at capturing emotion"

By Kayla Mroziske
Associate Editor

Guts, gore, blood...whatever! Those are typical qualities of scary movies. It's not a big deal seeing red corn syrup all over someone's face posing as blood or a killer showing up to stab someone no matter how fast you run or how good you hide. It's funny how typical scary movies are, and we watch them for the pure leisure entertainment of not having to think, not having to get emotional, and to see some phantom on the screen that we typically don't encounter in real life.

However, Halloween by director Rob Zombie overstepped the boundaries. I saw the first Halloween he did about a year ago with my brother when it came out. We like Zombie's work, and the first movie made us laugh more than jump out of our seats. However, this time around, we literally almost walked out twice and barely touched our popcorn.

The beginning scene showed Michael Myer's sister in the hospital getting patched up after the attacks in the previous film. It showed the doctor's pulling out pieces of sunken glass in her skin and sewing her back up, missing fingers and all. That scene set the tone. Myer's did not just stab his victims in this film. He use multiple means such as smashing a girl's face into glass several times, stomping on someone's



head until the audience could clearly see it was flat and even squishing a girl to death with his strength. Did I forget to mention the severed head he carried with him from a crime scene? Perhaps the worst of the killings were the looks of the bodies after they had been mutilated. Zombie did not hold a thing back.

The most disturbing part of the film for me was the scene where the teenage girl is lying in the bathroom, nude, covered in her blood taking her last breaths. In the meantime, her father is fighting off his police coworkers and eventually sees that she is

dead. Zombie was a genius for the way he captured the emotion. Unlike any other scary movie where the person sees the victim and quickly moves on without showing any real emotion, the father looked at her as I could imagine my father would look at me. The music slowed and saddened, time went in slower motion, and the tears began to roll down my cheeks. It was the most emotionally packed, realistic scene in a scary film that I had ever seen. When we left the theater, my brother and I threw our options around: either watch the Disney channel or read The Bible.

Jake's Chicago Concert Calendar

September

- 18 - Buckethead playing at the Vic
- 20 - Bruce Springsteen the United Center
- 23 - Ani DiFranco at the Vic
- 23 - Phoenix at the Aragon Ballroom
- 25 - Dave Matthews Band at Toyota Park
- 26 - Built to Spill at the Vic

Early October

- 6 - Yo La Tengo at the Vic
- 8 - The Decemberists at the Riviera
- 10 - They Might Be Giants at the Vic
- 11 - Portugal. The Man at Schuba's Tavern

Hidden Gems: Phoenix and Portugal. The Man

Phoenix is a band that has come roaring back onto the scene this year after taking a three-year break. Originating in France, this band uses the basics of any band to create their alternative rock sound. I suggest checking out the songs, "If I ever feel better" and "1901" if you are interested in gauging this band's sound.

Portugal. The Man has also found some mainstream success this year with the release of their fourth studio album. Originating in Alaska, but now doing most of their work out of Portland, this band has been called an experimental rock group. This is currently my favorite band and I have them in heavy rotation on my iTunes. I suggest giving, "How the leopard got its spots," "People Say," and "Chicago" a thorough listen through. They are a "can't miss" in my book.

Ghost Girl provides great lessons for aspiring teachers

By Kate Gonzales
Staff Writer

As a teacher in training, I was told to read a book called "Ghost Girl," by Torey Hayden. This short novel shares a true-life experience between a teacher and a young girl named Jadie. The obstacles and stories shared in this novel will put you on edge, but they also provide a great lesson for all the aspiring teachers out there.

Jadie is a selective mute. She is a child who can speak but chooses not to. No one at Pecking Elementary School had ever heard her speak, and the time spent with all the psychiatrists and specialists never seemed to help. Her last teacher even committed suicide, although for reasons unknown.

But here comes Torey, a new teacher with plenty of experience with selectively mute children. Torey is assigned to take care of a class of about five children, all of who have certain disabilities.

Jadie is the most frustrating. She walks hunched over and has never spoken. So, it surprises all when Torey first gets Jadie to speak.

As time goes by, Jadie begins to open up, but not exactly in a good way. Jadie has secrets, secrets that she thought she could not share for fear of being killed. As Jadie shares her secrets with Torey, Torey begins to get more and more disturbed with what she hears. Afraid of hurting Jadie but knowing she must do something, Torey seeks to do the right thing by calling for reinforcements, and helping to save an innocent child's life.

The end of this novel is a happy one. It brings joy to all to learn what a great influence Torey was. This is an example of what a person can do, and what a great impact it may have on others. I encourage all to take some time and sit back and read this book. It will make you cringe; it will make you sad, and it will make you applaud. Enjoy!

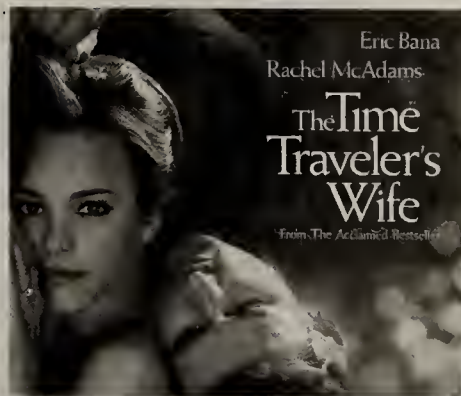
Bring tissues to The Time Traveler's Wife

By Kate Gonzales
Staff Writer

Many of us have seen "The Notebook." Its story grabbed our attention and filled us with so much emotion that both men and women were holding back tears. "The Notebook" gave us an idea of what we want in life. We want a romantic life filled with someone we can share everything with. "The Notebook" ends on a sad but happy note, with the characters living happily ever after in each other's arms. And that's where they leave us.

A few years pass, and now we are given "The Time Traveler's Wife." Based on the novel by Audrey Niffenegger. The film gives us a husband who can time travel. He is unable to control when and where he time travels, leaving behind one world to revisit another. Falling in love with his wife becomes the hard part when he misses their honeymoon and Christmas because he is taken to revisit another time. It's hard at first: she gets upset, but they continue to love each other.

Trying to start a family becomes a new obstacle when



they believe that his time traveling gene is being passed on to the baby. Every time they have a baby, the baby begins to time travel and is lost. A child is finally born and all is well until one day the time traveler is found lying on the floor in a pool of blood. We have just witnessed what will happen in the future. Unsure of when and how this will happen, the couple tries to keep living their lives. The future comes, and the time traveler leaves behind his wife and daughter, but not really.

This movie will fill you with emotion just as "The Notebook" did. Some may say that it has scored a ten just as "The Notebook" did a few years back. Some may say its not quite there, but close. I say they are both worth watching and even buying. Don't be afraid to pull out a tissue and cry, for it is a movie that will capture your heart; and guys, this is a movie where you'll definitely be able to put your arm around your girl.

Dave Matthews Band nowhere near done creating unique type of music

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

There have been many major formations throughout the course of history that have changed the world forever. Oxygen and hydrogen came together to form our most beloved resource, water. Peanut butter and jelly teamed up to create the greatest sandwich known to man. And in 1991, five men took it upon themselves to form what the planet has come to know and love as The Dave Matthews Band.

It's now 18 years later and, with the band's newest album, "Big Whiskey and the Groovegrux

played on tour, they have shown that they are nowhere near done creating and playing their unique type of music. In the opening track, entitled "Grux," the listener hears a lone saxophone played by the band's late horn player, Leroy Moore. Moore passed away before the album's completion due to complications from an ATV accident at his home in Virginia. The album is actually dedicated to Moore and the large part he played in the band's sound, direction, and friendship. The name "Grux" was Moore's nickname with his band mates, which explains the album name. Soon after his saxophone solo

the group accompany him on one long high note that blasts the second track into the rest of the album. The track entitled "Shake Me Like a Monkey" does just that to the listener. It proclaims a loud and new sound, created by Dave Matthews and the others, that revamps the very idea of DMB music, while sticking to the very basic components that fans have loved for years.

It's true, The Dave Matthews Band has indeed found what you could call a new sound, but it is more of a new "Age" in DMB music. Someone who has listened to DMB for years would agree that, though it is different, it

the band has been creating for almost two decades. In an interview, Dave Matthews said that he has full confidence in this album and, "If you don't like this album, you don't like music."

The album is full of emotions, ranging from deep love to remorse, covering the good times and the bad. The song "Alligator Pie" sings of Matthew's daughter along with references to Hurricane Katrina. Matthews has always been a strong advocate of Farm Aid and helping the people. (Note: A good majority of the record was recorded in New Orleans) "Shake Me Like a Monkey" and "Seven" get a bit

sexual, while "You and Me" and "My Baby Blue" cover the album's more intimate side. Also, if you're looking for that certain DMB song that will give you goose bumps every time you listen to it, because, yes, it is so intense, listen to "Squirm" or "Time Bomb."

If the reader feels that I am putting too much hype into this album, I'm not. It is truly something that you should give up some of your time to listen to. I give it a 9 out of 10. Trust me, when that last track ends you're going to let it roll over to track one for a whole other ride.

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PNC English Club sees Revival

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

The PNC English Club seemed to have disappeared for a short time. Students may have begun to wonder if PNC even had such a club. Thanks to inquiring students, the tail end of the spring semester of 2009 brought about the beginnings of a revival. A handful of meetings were concluded to organize the new club.

This semester, however, the club has started off in full force with the election of officers at the initial meeting held on Wednesday, September 9th. Open to all PNC students, members now come from a wide variety of majors. All have one thing in common: a love of books and writing.

Previously confabulated were a diversified collection of activities for club members. Group readings of personal writings, viewings of cinematic works, and book club style discussions have all been suggested. Even an English Club publication of members' works is now on the table.

According to Club president Brian Frain, "A large part of our group enjoys creative writing, so we hold workshops or impromptu sessions focused on that."

Workshops, usually held by

the club faculty advisor, are meant to exercise the creative side of members in an absorbing and captivating way. Frain, along with all other members, refuse to accept the all-work and no-play scenario. He points out that "sometimes we just eat pizza and play games." The games, of course, include the infamous Scrabble, Scategories, and Boggle, among others.

Frain has also opened up a unique website for all members to access. He continually reiterates that everyone should "realize that the English Club isn't just for English majors; it is for anyone who wants to spend a little bit of time hanging out with like minded people."

The Cynical Scribes website is a place where writers can post and receive feedback on polished products or works in progress, readers can discuss what they are devouring, and thinkers can chat about whatever they happen to be pondering.

For all interested in joining, or simply showing up to check them out, evening meetings have been set for every other Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Cyber Café. The web forum is open for public viewing and can be accessed at www.cynicalscribes.com.

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

Donating blood saves lives. This is heard all the time, but you may never realize how true it is. Did you know that your one single blood donation has the potential to save multiple people? It's true. That one donation can be split into at least four different components that can be used for a variety of things?

Red cells are used to treat patients with anemia, particularly those with heart, liver and kidney problems. Plasma is used to treat burn victims and patients who develop bleeding problems during major surgery. Platelets are used by cancer and leukemia patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatment. And Cryoprecipitate, a plasma derivative, is used to treat patients with hemophilia A. All it takes is about an hour of your time and a little courage and you can do your part to help out people who so desperately need it.

The last blood drive that Purdue North Central hosted was on September 1, 2009, earlier this semester. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and most importantly the donors, the drive was able to collect 60 units of blood for the American Red Cross. That means 60 people decided that they wanted to make a difference

and took action, and because of those people, at least 60 others will get their second chance on life.

On average PNC has had a track record of anywhere between 60 to 80 units of blood per drive. This is a large amount and we should be proud that we have people in the community who wish to give so selflessly. However, November 17th, this fall, is another big day. It is the official Purdue vs. Indiana Blood Drive Competition.

Now, productive inter-school competition is fun but let's think of this blood drive not so much as a chance to outdo IU, but, a chance to outdo ourselves. PNC should be able to double the units provided at the last drive. The drive is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday November 17 and there will be hundreds of people on campus that day. If you have done it before, it's time to do it again. If you've never had the time, mark it down now or go to givelife.org to sign up or just to find out more information. If you've never had the courage, just remember that the actual blood donation only takes 15 to 20 minutes and the staff is there to make you as comfortable as possible. Remember, by facing your fear and doing a community service you are allowing someone

else to live. If the wonderful feeling of a deed well done is not enough, the reader should also know that before, during, and after your donation you are given all the snacks and drinks that you wish to consume. They have water, soda and juices to drink along with Cheez-Its, Nuttel Butters, pretzels, Oreos, Granola bars, peanuts and much, much more. If the only time you have open during the day is your lunch break then come give a donation and fill up on the food they have there. There is more than enough in addition to the snacks, each donor receives a free T-Shirt and can be entered in a raffle for a \$500 gas card.

Hopefully this article has opened your eyes to what the blood drives are all about. It's a bunch of people who care about others (or are just really hungry and have no money) getting together to help out those people who need it. By donating, you're helping your school, your family, your friends, and so many other people whom you will most likely never meet. Hope to see you there!

Note: For more information, or to sign up for an appointment ahead of time, go to givelife.org and when asked for zip code, enter pnc09.

sSs Hosts Academic Success Conference

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Academic success is a goal all students should be vying for. To aid participants on this particular campus, PNC's Student Support Services (sSs) hosted their second annual Academic Success Conference. On the morning of August 6, sSs bused 24 of their participants to the Purdue main campus in Lafayette. These students, selected on a first come first serve basis, enjoyed catered meals and wonderful accommodations at the Union Club Hotel (found on campus).

Participants began the trip by checking into their hotel rooms and meeting up for a buffet on white table clothes adorned with linen napkins. There they planned their day by choosing between three different seminars of an hour a piece for a three hour block. The seminars were given by sSs employees and very informal in nature, allowing for much interaction between instructor and attendee. Topics were covered such as goal setting, financial literacy, test preparation and college textbook reading.

One participant, Penny Chandos, acknowledged that the sessions "made you very aware of what to expect as a freshman [with] helpful clues and hints and things to be prepared." The specific Notetaking section, taught by sSs file manager Kila Ward, instructed students on how to take notes using the Cornell Method and Q-Notes Format; methods that are extremely beneficial when it comes to studying for college level exams.

The day of knowledge concluded with a meal from one of the Union Center restaurants followed by some free-time. In an effort to balance learning with some fun, students were provided with tables to shoot pool and play cards. However, most of the



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Senior Gayle Young sets up for a strike as sSs Tutor Coordinator Raymond Blackman searches for the perfect ball.

group took advantage of the campus bowling alley. Student Darren Fisher went away with a score of 97, claiming, "It was fun." Senior Gayle Young bowled alongside students as well as staff. Not quite beating sSs tutor coordinator Raymond Blackman's score, Young still admitted to having a very entertaining time. She made the statement, "We showed [the underclassmen] what the trip was all about, combining education with fun."

Friday morning dawned bright and earlier for those students who stayed up exploring campus and chatting late into the night as new friends. A breakfast buffet was prepared with eggs, bacon, crepes, yogurt and berries, fresh fruit, and fresh bagels, enough to properly start the day energized. This was important because the scavenger hunt that ensued sent students all over the Purdue campus. An hour and a

half later, only two people were able to cover enough ground to collect all the items on the list.

Another three hour block of sessions followed. They, however, were broken up by a catered lunch in the hotel's fancy annual drawing room and a one hour informative speech led by the PNC sSs's sister organization, Horizons.

On the bus ride returning home, various students were caught with eyes closed and heads bobbing. For the rest, the time for reflection was upon us as many conversed over the good times had. Gayle Young remarked that the sessions "were very educational and informative," while fellow student Mike Piskor spoke of the trip as a whole stating, "It was really fun."

PNC senior urges others to walk for those who can't

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Kimberly Sloop, a senior at PNC with a concentration in social work, faces life as a paraplegic. Sloop was born with Spina Bifida, which, according to the Spina Bifida Association, is "the most common permanently disabling defect in the United States."

With this neurological disability, Sloop works around obstacles many people do not think twice about. She explains that it is quite difficult when buildings do not have wheelchair accessibility. There is also a major annoyance in getting to school. Consider the fact that PNC is a commuter campus.

"I can't drive, so going to college has been stressful for that reason alone," Sloop said.

She relies on the love of fabulous friends and family in order to fully realize her academic goals. She also makes the acknowledgement, "PNC has been wonderful and I thank God for the professors that I've had who have the patience and the knowledge to teach a student who

learns in a different way."

Sloop attends a support group that meets monthly in Valparaiso. They would like to extend the invitation to join them at their third annual Spinal Cord Injury Walk. The event will take place on October 10. The Walk will begin at 1 pm preceded by one hour registration period at noon. Festivities will continue in the form of food, auction, raffle and music.

Previous years have seen turnout of close to 200 people with a collective donation of \$26,000. Food served has included pizza, hamburger, hotdogs, sodas, and coffee. Donated gift cards from local restaurants such as The Hacienda and Dairy Queen have been raffled. Music this year will be a live performance by an acoustic band. All proceeds will go to Unite 2 Fight Paralysis, Paralysis Research and the NWI Spinal Cord Injury Group. So come out and walk, just have some fun! If you need further information, or cannot attend but would like to make a donation, please call Kimberly Sloop at (219) 448 3752.

Constitution Day activities to be held

By Jacob Havner
Staff Writer

Thursday, September 17, is National Constitution Day. Nationwide, schools and campuses are doing activities and lessons to become a little more familiar with the Constitution and its history. So what is PNC doing for you, you may ask? Well, the Constitution day committee will be putting on free events all day for the PNC community. Starting out at 7:30 a.m. there will be a free breakfast in the cafeteria, complete with French toast, bacon, and fresh fruit. Throughout the breakfast Robert J. Beckman, the La Porte county

speaking on how the Bill of Rights and certain aspects of the Constitution pertain specifically to Indiana state law.

After a short break, there will be a Cash-Cab-based game beginning at 11:30 a.m., direct across from LSF 144. In LSF 144, there will be stations manned by a group of education students, which provide basic facts and trivia about the Constitution. The Cash Cab game will be based on these stations. Past prizes at Constitution Day events have included iPod Nanos. Unnamed committee sources say there could be Wii and iPod Classics this year.

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PNC students, staff volunteer for United Way Day of Caring

By Kerri Marrs-Barron and
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Contributors
LaPorte County

On Friday, August 28, 22 staff and students, from the Dean's Leadership Group (DLG), dedicated their time to the United Way Day of Caring between both La Porte and Porter Counties. PNC kicked off the event on Thursday with DLG students assembling flash cards and educational items for READ La Porte. In La Porte, 12 dedicated staff and PNC students from the Dean's Leadership Group volunteered over 33 hours to the La Porte YMCA and to the La Porte County Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The original plan was that we were going to also work on landscaping for the Independent Cat Society in Westville, however due to the rain, the Cat Society event was cancelled. An extreme thank you to Todd Laux and Liz Bernel as they were extremely dedicated and soaked from the rain in an effort to help put a roof on a Habitat for Humanity house.

At the YMCA, with 5 volunteers in the morning, we were able to tear apart a work room and help with the Preschool room. In the afternoon, with 6 volunteers, we helped clean out the office space, breakroom, bathroom, new interactive Wii fit room and



Photo provided

Volunteers pause for a picture break.

removed a lot of garbage. It looks amazing from where we started! The La Porte volunteers included: David Myers, Sean Casey, Samantha Walbright, Megan Staroscak, Liz Bernel, Todd Laux, Rebecca Tucker, Ryan Crowder, Taylor Coleman, Taylor Rodriguez, Nancy Dworkin and Kerri Marrs Barron.

Porter County

The Porter County group started off the morning with breakfast at the Porter County Kick-Off at Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso. From there the group split up into three groups with volunteers working with Housing Opportunities at various locations. Each group worked to landscape and do general cleaning at

various Housing Opportunities locations in Portage. All in all the group had a great time working with other volunteers throughout the region while providing much needed TLC to each property.

The Porter County volunteers included: Dr. Dave Pratt, Liz Depew, Dan Fastenau, Phyllis Dranger, Darlene Livingston, Natalie Connors, Laura Weaver, Kendra Gardin, Brock Martin, and Tabitha Eggers.

The event was sponsored between the Office of Student Activities and the Center for Service Learning & Leadership. Laura Weaver coordinated the Porter County event and Kerri Marrs Barron coordinated La Porte County.

PNC Sets Enrollment, Credit Hour Records

WESTVILLE - Purdue University North Central set all-time enrollment and credit hour records this fall. The 2009 - 2010 academic year opened Monday, Aug. 24 with a record 4,463 students enrolled in a record 46,594 credit hours for the fall semester.

This represents a 5 percent increase in students and a 5 percent increase in credit hours over the fall semester of 2008.

PNC students include 2,761 full-time students, marking the seventh consecutive year that the campus has registered a record number of full-time students.

Undergraduate students are taking an average of 10.6 credit hours each. In addition, the number of first-time freshmen enrolled is 804, an 8 percent jump from fall semester 2008. The average PNC undergraduate student is 25 years old. There are 1,919 males and 2,544 females enrolled. PNC has 1,835 students from LaPorte County and 1,773 students from Porter County.

"We are happy to welcome a record number of students to Purdue North Central. At PNC our students will find an environment that is conducive to learning

with small classes, individual attention, personalized student services and concerned faculty who are committed to academic excellence," said Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin. "Students know that PNC has a well-earned reputation for academic excellence."

According to Lawrence Barrett, vice chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services, "PNC is a fast growing four-year university that has seen its student population increase by 27 percent since 2005 and a 28 percent increase in credit hours. We welcome students from throughout Northwest Indiana to our Westville and Porter County sites."

PNC has 68 students enrolled in its Saturday Master of Business Administration program, offered at PNC - Porter County in Valparaiso.

PNC - Porter County also offers a full schedule of undergraduate programs. This semester, 655 students are enrolled in 3,394 credit hours of classes there, an 11 percent increase from last fall.

Debit Card debates on Overdraft Protection

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

As more of the world begins to turn to plastic, banks are finding new ways to capitalize on the dollar. The majority of banks offer a system of overdraft protection. Basically, this means that any debit-card holder is covered if he or she tries to spend more than what is in his or her bank account. However, there is a nominal fee for this coverage. Card users can be charged from \$25 to \$35, or more, per item debited on a balance below zero dollars. In

theory, this is especially agreeable for those wishing to save themselves the embarrassment of being declined in front of a line of people. It is surely a convenient method on paper, but does it work that way in practice?

According to the chief lobbyist at the Financial Services Roundtable, an institution representing large banks such as Chase, "Everyone should know how much they have in their account and manage their funds well to avoid those fees."

However, there are flaws to that opinion. If a consumer were to use his or her card to purchase

a small breakfast in the morning and some gas in the afternoon, the funds in his or her account may completely cover those spent. If a larger bill such as a rent payment is then cleared from the same account, causing a deficit, the unfortunate cardholder is not straightforwardly charged a sole overdraft fee to cover that specific bill. On the contrary, the entire day's charges would be rearranged from largest to smallest. Fees then would begin to accrue from the moment the account hit below zero. If the deficit happened to be from the large bill, the cardholder would

then be charged three separate overdraft fees, one for each debit throughout the day.

The most troubling part of this botheration is that certain establishments, like the Bank of America, generally do not allow customers to opt out of this service. Overdraft protection is required unless special circumstances can be proven, or rather fought for - circumstances that seem to be few and far between. This is most likely because, as the New York Times states, banks are expected to bring in an estimated \$27 billion from overdraft fees alone in 2009. This is quite the

lucrative system, and banks continue to fight the attempts at passing legislation to regulate overdraft services. The issue continues to be haggled over at the Federal Reserve as to whether or not a bill should be passed to grant cardholders the right to decline services of overdraft protection. Until that time comes, account holders are simply warned to actively watch their balances.

PNC Brownbag Series Looks at Diversity

WESTVILLE - Purdue University North Central will present a Brownbag Series in the coming months, with PNC faculty, staff and community members leading programs that center on the topic of "diversity."

The seminars will vary in style and subject, but all will share the intent of presenting topics and issues that can contribute to the development of tolerant, inclusive campus and community cultural practices. Some presenters will feature short film clips or interactive pieces that will stimulate conversation and discussion, others will present ideas for open dialogue and sharing of views and experiences.

The Brownbag Series is coordinated by Bob Mellin, continuing lecturer of English.

The seminars will be presented in the PNC Library-Student Faculty Building Room 170A, located just off the PNC cafeteria, from noon to 1 p.m. They are free and open to the public and guests may bring their lunch. Varying opinions are welcome.

The series begins Sept. 23 with Sarah Sanders Smith, assistant professor of Organizational Leadership & Supervision, and local resident Gerrie Grott presenting "My Story." Grott was

born with, what some would define as, a disability. Her parents did not listen to the advice they were given to send her away. She will relate her life story, her family's courage and her success in life. Sanders Smith is a member of the PNC Chancellor's Diversity Committee. As a daughter of a father with multiple sclerosis, she is aware of what it is like to overcome adversities. Grott's story is one of her favorites!

Oct. 21 - Kenneth Kincaid, assistant professor of History, will discuss "Contemporary Latin American Issues." Kincaid has travelled extensively throughout Peru and Ecuador for more than 15 years. He has worked closely with the Brtning Museum in Peru and serves as a project director of ethnohistorical research. Kincaid will discuss globalization, Latinos and Latin America and will touch on issues ranging from the H1N1 virus in Latin America to immigration patterns and Latino cultural diversity in the region. He will also discuss his upcoming "PNC in Peru 2010" trip.

Nov. 11 - Joanna Witulski, limited term lecturer in American

Sign Language, presents "Language Alive: American Sign Language." Witulski believes that American Sign Language (ASL) is a language that defies the concept of what language is about. Her presentation will skim over ASL, culture, history of sign language and its use in the nation. She is Deaf Services coordinator at Indiana F.A.C.E.S., a project of Everybody Counts, Inc. Witulski has been deaf since she was about one year old and her husband is also deaf.

Dec. 2 - Jerry Holt, assistant professor of English, will present "1947 - The Year Baseball Got It Right." Holt's writing credits include the novel "The Killing of Strangers" which was nominated for an Edgar Award and the play "Rickey," the story of Branch Rickey, who brought Jackie Robinson into the major leagues and broke baseball's color line. During 1946 and 1947, one of the most remarkable stories in American history played out on the baseball diamond. Sports writer Red Barber called 1947 "The Year All Hell Broke Loose." Holt will tell the story about the summer that baseball broke the color line.

Feb. 24 - Pat Carlisle will

Words to Action" as she explains how to become actively involved in "making a difference that makes a difference" by addressing the various "isms" that confronted us. Carlisle asks that participants be ready to share experiences and offer suggestions for action. Carlisle was special assistant to the chancellor responsible for EEO/AA when she retired from PNC in January, 2009 after spending 44 years in higher education. She was an advocate for society's "non-traditional,"

including women, low-income, first generation college students, individuals with disabilities and minorities. In January, 2009 she was recognized by Purdue University with a Dreamer Award for "recognition and appreciation of your embodiment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of service to others and furthering Purdue University's commitment to diversity." She serves on the Duneland Economic Development Company Board, Bradley Center Community Relations Board, Duneland Health and Wellness Institute Member's Advisory Council and is a consultant to the PNC College of Science Interdisciplinary Research Center.

March 24 - Sarah White, PNC visiting assistant professor of English Composition, and Heather Fielding, PNC, assistant professor of English, present "Diversity in Online Teaching." They note that when students and teacher meet in a bricks-and-mortar classroom, differences in race, gender, ethnicity, age and class often are visually apparent. They will address what happens to diversity in an online environment, when students and teachers no longer see each other and how diversity manifests itself in such a forum. They will explore how online education can deepen opportunities for diversity by providing new modes of recognition and expression.

White has extensive experience with online and hybrid teaching at PNC and other institutions. Fielding taught one of the first online-only writing courses at the Harvard University Extension School.

Further information about the series can be obtained by contacting Mellin at ext. 5215. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact ext. 5215.

Sports

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Fantasy Football madness

By Jacob Havner
Staff Writer

September is upon us. That means it's finally football season, and with football season comes fantasy football! This is a activity that comes complete with large groups of friends sitting around computers and stat books, so that when they enter the draft, they will be assured to come out on top with the best players. For those who are not familiar with fantasy football, it is similar to managing your own football team, using the best players around. Each year thousands of eager fans flock to set up their leagues, and brainstorm about who is this season's breakout player.

There are two types of leagues that one may enter. There are free leagues, which are a little bit less competitive and are great for beginners. There are also leagues that require a certain amount of money to join. These tend to be very competitive, but really pay off for the winner. Fantasy football has become so popular and in-depth that every

league has the option to customize even the smallest detail to satisfy an individual's interests and skill level. These customizations can range from providing play money with which to purchase everything from players all the way to sophisticated stat trackers that offer up-to-the-minute updates on those players.

However, do not enter a league unless you are in for the long haul. Each league begins when the normal football season kicks off (September 13), and goes through a most of the regular season. The final two weeks of the regular football season are treated as playoffs in fantasy leagues. The top four teams advance to the playoffs and the winner is determined in a super bowl. If interested in setting up your own fantasy football team, check out espn.com as well as yahoo.com. There are a lot of leagues that allow people to sign up at any point through the season, so do not be discouraged if you have already missed the first week of play.

PNC Game Room to receive new equipment



By Tom Smith
Contributor

It's time to spread the word out about the PNC game room. Located in room 18 in the LSF building, this is a not-so-well-known place where students can come to relax, play some Ping-Pong, pool, or work on a new addition, the Foosball table. If playing at the tables is not your taste, feel free to join in on the conversations being held inside. PNC gamers say plans call for a Wii in the near future, so come on down and check it out. The game room is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

After fast start, Volleyball team slows down

By Colin Terrill
Staff Writer

After coming off of a 2008-2009 campaign that lead to a better than .500 finish, the outlook for the Lady Panthers Volleyball team was high, and rightfully so, after qualifying for the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) tournament in their inaugural season in the conference.

The Lady Panthers opened up their season in late August at the Concordia University Invitational, which took place in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The team finished 3-1 in the tournament, beating Marygrove College, Ohio State Marian, and Rochester College (MI), with their only loss coming to Ursuline College (OH).

However, their season took a turn when they returned home and dropped both their home and away opener to Aquinas College (MI), losing these matches in

three consecutive games apiece. The Lady Panthers fell to the same fate as they were swept by Huntington College, once again losing three games straight. In their last attempt to get back on the winning track, they fell to Illinois Institute of Technology at home in their conference opener, but this time lost in four games.

As of now the Lady Panthers sit at 0-1 in the CCAC and 3-5 overall, losing four straight. However, things are not as "doom-and-gloom" as they may appear. In each one of their games, the team has shown improvement. Senior setter Alyssa Davis has continued where she left off last season, having racked up 177 assists so far. She has also been a very crucial part of the offensive attack for the Lady Panthers. Freshmen Brittany Piasieczny and Kelsey Russel have also stepped up to fill roles that usually go to upper

classmen.

Their upcoming schedule has them playing in three consecutive non-conference matches, which will allow them to work on their game. Luckily, this will not hurt them as far as their conference playoff standings are concerned. The real month of challenges is going to be October, where six out of their 10 matches will be against conference foes including Judson (1-6), Robert Morris (0-10), Trinity Christian (4-5) and Saint Xavier (6-4).

As one can see by looking at those records, no one is running away with the conference. With the talent that is currently on the roster, there is no need to panic too early. So if the Lady Panthers can pull off a solid winning streak, they look to be in good contention for post-season play. Let's just hope that they can turn this young season around before it's too late.

Trio sSs Tutoring Positions available

Student Support Services (sSs) offers great opportunities to earn extra income while expanding your knowledge. You will be able to network with PNC faculty and staff. The tutor position will allow you to assist fellow students with their academic success. In addition to becoming a tutor you will gain certification through the nationally recognized College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). To request an application and receive additional information about the tutor position contact the Graduate Aide Raymond Blackman by stopping at Student Support Services (sSs) located in the Schwarz room 38 or calling 219-785-5469.

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Bits and Pieces

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DLG and SGA kick off semester with many activities, goals

DLG
By David Myers

Well, this year is off to a great start! The Dean's Leadership Group (DLG) participated in the United Way Day of Caring. There were twelve participants from PNC that worked at the La Porte YMCA. We helped with cleaning out and organizing one of their storage closets, and cleaning offices. Also, the Dean's Leadership Group assisted with Purdue Pride Week. Many of our members were helping with food, games, and activities. The week was a blast! Currently, the Dean's Leadership Group is directing the "Spirit in September" Toy Drive for the Salvation Army. After talking to La Porte County Salvation Army Coordinator Vicki Burge, we realized there was a HUGE shortage of toys for Christmas. So we are trying to help the Salvation Army cover their shortage of toys. Please help the Salvation Army by donating new toys and putting them in the collection boxes, located in the Dean of Students Office, Schwarz Vending Room, and in the lobby outside of the Admissions Office.

SGA
By Aleah Turner

Over the last four weeks Student Government has been busy planning our upcoming year and prioritizing goals we want to focus on over the next two semesters. Our former president, Jon Sichtermann, successfully paved the way for this year's Student Government to make some positive changes. Last year we filled our previously empty seat as a liaison in the Faculty Senate, which gives the student body a voice that is carried directly to the faculty on campus, we

also raised enough money to take four representatives to New York City for a National Student Government Conference in February, and petitioned Indiana legislators to approve the budget for the new Student Activities Center that will be built on campus pending a few more hurdles.

This year the Student Government will be focusing on two main goals for our term: increasing student involvement on campus and starting a class gift tradition. As a commuter campus with both non-traditional and traditional students, we have always had a hard time increasing student involvement in extracurricular activities. Bigger universities have an edge that we do not because of their enrollment rate, but as our enrollment rate continues to increase we increase our potential to make changes with student involvement. The first step is YOU, the student. As for our second goal, other universities, such as Valparaiso University, have adopted the idea of class gifts. Each year the graduating class donates something to the campus that will benefit future generations of students. Sometimes class gifts come in the form of statues or benches, but our Student Government is still mulling over ideas.

Please stay tuned for the next Student Government update. We are here to serve as your voice on campus, so please contact us at stugov@pnc.edu, visit our office in LSF 63, or call us at (219) 785-5330 if you have any issues you want us to hear.

Meet the "real" Pounce

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

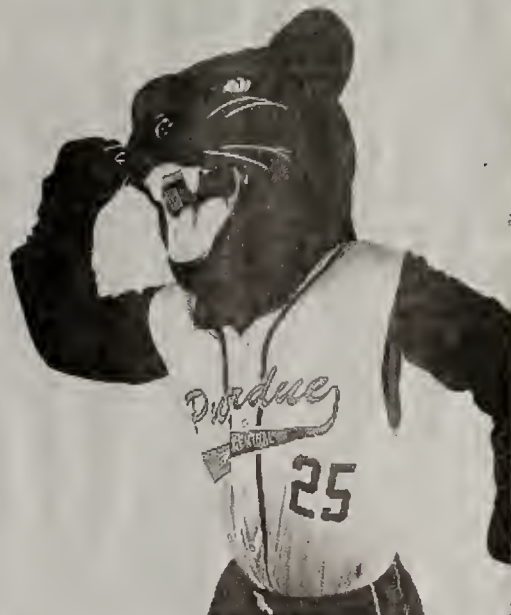
The PNC Panther has long since pounced his way throughout the campus, at athletic events and social settings. A 'rebel rouser,' as current mascot Tom Smith refers to it as.

Smith is a junior at PNC majoring in OLS. He is a game room attendant, works in the Information Services Department and did summer work for the Grounds Department. He has been a member of the Chancellor's Leadership Group and has served as Treasurer for F.A.C.E. He has also been a tour guide for PNC. This student not only has the credentials for student involvement, but he has great enthusiasm and school spirit.

"The panther definitely gives off more of a campus-university feel to PNC," Smith said.

Smith is one of a few who play the panther. In the past, Purdue alum and current entertainment disc-jockey Wade Breitzke showed his unique styles of Panther pride.

"Wade always did something with his hands; everyone could tell it was him in there," said Smith. "When at basketball games, I move my hands as if I'm calling an out in baseball which is obviously opposite."



Smith not only tries to make it a point to be at every PNC athletic game, but he also tries to attend school events and parties held by the campus.

"I've gone out to elementary schools and preschools in the area so the kids could see a mascot. They are able to learn what school pride is through representation. Plus, I get to see their

smiling faces," Smith said.

Smith tests his skills through the audience. He tries new techniques each time to pump up the crowd, and he alters his performance based on the energy he feels. However, with the heavy costume, pouncing around turns more into a workout.

"It's like a sauna in there!" Smith said

Biology Fair Huge Success

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

PNC's first Biology Majors Fair was held on Friday, September 4, and, in the words of one senior student in attendance, the event was "ridiculously successful." Dr. Vanessa Quinn, assistant professor of biology, organized the event as a call-out to all students majoring in, or thinking about majoring in, biology. The goal was to build unity between all students, regardless of class rank, with an interest in the subject.

Dr. Quinn, along with Dr. Kenneth (Chris) Holford, chair of the Biology/Chemistry Department, wanted students to interact with each other and their professors. The fair provided attendees a way to make connections with the people who are part of the science world here at Purdue North Central.

The un-official attendance number was set at 51 students and almost the entire Biology/Chemistry Department faculty. Also in attendance were



Students participate in biology fair boat races.

Photo Provided

the dean of science, Keith Schwingendorf, and the Pre-Med and Pre-Vet clubs. Many non-science majors also showed up, which was easy to understand

after looking at the list of activities set for the day. There was kayak racing, a pie-eating contest (according to witnesses it was

more of pie-eating contest), and a "Geo-Cashing" event.

In the kayak race, a person had to paddle from shore, go out and around the pond statue and

touch shore again. The rower with the best time was to have his or her name inscribed upon the "Golden Oar," which will be hung in Room 121 for all to see.

In the "Geo-Cashing" competition, participants were given GPS devices and asked to navigate to a few spots on campus, using this technology. At the various destinations were tokens that they could be exchanged for prizes. The person with the quickest time won all of last year's cell biology tests, a valuable prize for any new bio major.

In addition to all the activities, there was food: hot dogs, chips, cookies, water, soda, and fresh fruit were on the menu.

According to Dr. Quinn, "Students were a main force in putting this event together."

The plan is to have one Biology Majors Fair per semester. The next one is scheduled to hopefully happen during dead week or finals week. It should provide relaxing time for students at the end of the semester, just as it did at the beginning of this one.

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*Concert will be held at 3:00 P.M.

October 4

John Stossel

An Evening with John Stossel

ABC News Correspondent, co-anchor of "20/20" and the author of two national bestsellers, John Stossel poses the questions and obtains the answers for the American people. His topic will focus on the up-to-the-minute issues on peoples' minds.

There will be a book signing following the program.

October 18

Jonathan Rauch

Government in 2020: Bankrupt or Reborn?

Senior writer and columnist for *National Journal* magazine and correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly*, Jonathan Rauch has authored several books and a multitude of articles on public policy, culture and economics. In his uniquely engaging style, he will take the Forum audience into the future for a glimpse of what our government will look like in 2020 and how we will feel the effects of our battle to come back from the economic recession.

There will be a book signing following the program.

November 8

Robert Krulwich

Making Medical Science WONDER-ful

Program Sponsor: Duneland Health Council

Called the most inventive network reporter on television by *T.V. Guide*, Robert Krulwich is expert at explaining complex issues in a style that is clear, compelling and entertaining. Through the use of vivid images and unusual examples (he once explained the structure of DNA using a banana) he captivates his audiences.

December 6

Twyla Tharp

Creativity and Risk Taking

Legendary dancer, choreographer, author, Kennedy Honors award recipient and Tony Award winner, Twyla Tharp will provide a practical approach to achievement, including turning ideas into products and notions into realities. Explaining lessons learned in the performing arts, her animated presentation, filled with movement, has delighted audiences across the country.

There will be a book signing following the program.

NOTE: All programs will be held at Elston Middle School, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City.

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Students enjoy DJ Wade's music by dancing.



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Halloween Party a Success



By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, PNC held its annual Halloween Party for students and faculty, and their children, as well as the community. Young children to teens were invited to attend the event in which they could participate in various activities put on by PNC clubs.

Valparaiso, Michigan City, and LaPorte schools were invited. The Dean's Leadership Group sponsored the event. Clubs included: Student Government Association (SGA), Student Education Association (SEA), Kappa Delta Phi (KDP), Rotaract Club, Spanish Club, Psi Chi, PNC Cheerleading, Dean's Leadership Group (DLG), Delta Sigma, STAND, Multi-Cultural Club, Pre-Vet, PNC Softball, and Purdue Learning about Children's Education (PLAYCE).

Between 175-200 guests attended.



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Far left: A child dressed as a chicken took a break from all of the festivities by sitting.

Left: Members of DLG Caitlin Young and Jacob Havner pose for a picture in their costumes before the party began.

PNC Hosts First Sustainability Day

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

On the morning of Oct. 21, students, faculty, staff and community members gathered in LSF 02 to discuss the current efforts and future directions for PNC's involvement in the seventh annual Campus Sustainability Day.

In this, PNC's first year as a participant, the agenda was packed with a virtual poster session, presentations for 350.org, a panel discussion, webcast with The New York Times and open discussion session. Unfortunately, despite the packed agenda for the day, the room wasn't filled until 1:00 in the afternoon when Dr. Cynthia Roberts brought her entire OLS class in to contribute to the open session.

Despite the low attendance in the morning sessions, there was a lively discussion with panelists Dr. Thomas Brady III, Keith Peffers, Jim Sallee and Spero Valavanis.

Dr. Brady brought an academic discussion with him, answering questions about how to integrate green and sustainable initiatives into our campus curriculum and educational processes. He proposed that PNC have sustainable initiatives integrated into the classroom across all cur-



riculum rather than in any specific department.

Keith Peffers, our resident chef and director of food services, provided information on how PNC is trying to purchase our produce and other foods from local vendors to not only help limit the environmental impact of our campus, but to help support

the local economy. The vendors that supply PNC provide lists of the local suppliers that they use to help support the initiative. There are also efforts to use more environmentally friendly materials in all the disposable utensils we use

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The 2012 Prophecy: The End of the World?

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

Many people are discussing interpretations of the Mayan calendar that predict the end of the world in 2012.

The Mayan civilization was extremely advanced in mathematics, engineering and astronomy. Mayans also had an understanding of time and space that surpassed all others of the period and beyond. They used different calendars to track time in linear progression within cycles, but the calendar in question today is the Great Cycle of the "Long Count" which equates to 5,125.36 years. The Long Count sets its "time zero" at a point in the past marking the end of the previous world and the beginning of the current one, which corresponds to around 11 August 3114 BC in the Gregorian calendar. The current Great Cycle is due to be completed on the winter solstice of December 21, 2012, and there is much speculation as to what will happen on that day.

A new-age interpretation of this transitional state says that, during this time, the planet and its inhabitants may undergo a positive physical or spiritual transformation, and that 2012 may mark the beginning of a new era. In this new stage of humanity there

will be a "consciousness shift" in which materialistic attitudes will be questioned and discarded for more spiritually active ideas. Conversely, some believe that the 2012 date marks the beginning of an apocalypse. This doomsday theory has been covered in numerous books and TV documentaries, and has been spread around the world as an Internet conspiracy through websites and discussion groups.

Many have researched the fact that the December 21 date corresponds with the winter solstice in 2012, and many have come to associate this event with the term "galactic alignment." Every year for the last 1000 years or so, on the winter solstice, the Earth, sun and the galactic equator come into alignment. Scholars suggest that it was astrological events like this that the Mayans based their calendar on, as well as on observations of the great rift, a band of dark dust clouds in the milky way, which the Maya called the "Xibalba be" or "Black Road."

It is believed that the Maya were aware of where the ecliptic intersected the Black Road and gave this position in the sky a special significance in their cos-

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Commentary

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Vaccine Cures Addiction?

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

We have certainly heard of many new vaccines lately, such as the ever-so-popular H1N1 vaccination. Now, two medical researchers from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, are working on a potential vaccination for cocaine. This is said to be the first-ever medication to help those addicted to the drug.

Dr. Tom Kosten, a psychiatry professor assisting in the research, told the Associated Press, "At some point, most users will give in to temptation and relapse, but for those for whom the vaccine is effective, they won't get high and will lose interest."

The vaccine will stimulate the immune system to attack cocaine when it's consumed. Since cocaine molecules are so small, the immune system cannot produce its own antibodies to attack them. Kosten has attached inactivated cocaine to the outside of cholera proteins, also inactivated. The antibodies will bind with the cocaine to prevent it from reaching the brain, where highs are generated causing addiction.

Kosten has asked the Food and Drug Administration to consider this vaccination and put it

into play. The trials begin in the spring. Approval would mark a breakthrough in solutions to addiction going way beyond the traditional psychiatric and 12-step programs.

Kosten and his team have conducted tests with trial users, and nearly 40 percent have responded to the vaccine, proving it effective. A booster shot every two months can help antibodies levels to block those euphoric effects of cocaine. This will eliminate the need for long-term treatments.

The cocaine-using volunteers received five shots of vaccine over a 12-week period. They were observed for an additional 12 weeks following the vaccination.

The only major hurdle Kosten is worried about is finding a pharmaceutical company willing to develop this cocaine vaccine in larger quantities. The vaccination is extremely beneficial to those already weaning themselves off the drug and preventing themselves from relapsing.

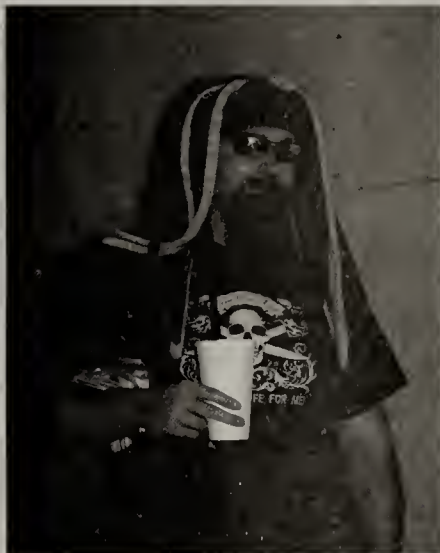


Question of the Month

What are your Halloween plans?



"I'm going on a date. Rum and Cider!" Cameron Kelly-Johnson – Economics and Communication, Senior



"I was going to be a white page & I'm going to pass out candy at my work place." Tina Fall – English, Unknown...



The Voice

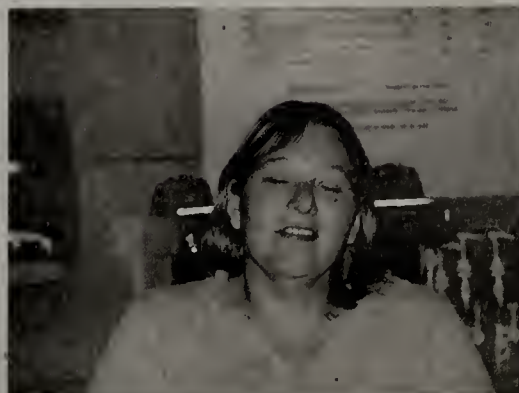
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"I'm going to be working at a haunted orchard." Brad Hulbert – Elementary Education, Junior



"I'm going as a clown and taking my kids trick-or-treating around the block." Vonda Rager – Psychology

Quick Read that will make you Laugh, think

By Rachael Herbert-Varchetto
Staff Writer

I work in a library, where I come into contact with hundreds of books each day. One day, I started to put a book on a shelf and I noticed the title: "Post Secret: Confessions on Life, Death, and God," by Frank Warren. It was provocative sounding, and yes, I committed the ultimate sin against books - I judged it based on its cover.

I flipped through the book and the first page I landed on made me laugh out loud. The woman standing next to me perusing books gave me a sideways glance and scooted into the next aisle. I read a few more of the pages and decided to check it out. After all, I was in a library.

I picked the book based not only on its provocative title and subject matter, but because I thought it might be interesting to see what others had to say about the lives they lived. What was inside was moving enough to deserve its pretty face.

Before I get much further, let me tell you about "Post Secret" and its creator, Frank Warren. Warren is your average guy who asked people to mail in their secrets on a postcard, expressing their hopes, dreams, fears, and the everyday bits of random life. The only requirement was that the submissions be something never shared before.

"Many of these cards appear as though they were created during an impulsive moment. Others are invested with painstaking detail and look like sacred objects, perhaps offering a kind of prayer," Warren says. Some are funny, others are thoughtful, and there are plenty that are downright weird. But they all have in common one factor: All the postcards he features in his book were secrets, little pieces of paper that were sent out to the world for one



reason or another.

The book is set up with around 500 secrets people have mailed in. As the title suggests, the book covers life, death, and God, among other things. There is no identifiable layout, and interspersed randomly are a few anecdotes the author included to break up the book and alert the reader that he's not out of touch with those who mailed in pieces of themselves. Warren just assembled the book; he didn't write the secrets. Real people, like you and I who are reading this now, wrote it.

It's a quick read, and it only took me an hour and half at most to read through the whole thing. There are postcards in this book that are funny in an honest way, others that reveal a simple but plain truth about a belief in God, religion, or love. The cards in this book address real issues and feelings that people experienced. There are a few cards that make you scratch your head. Many are controversial in their nature because they blatantly say something most people would either find offensive or too personal to ever admit, covering briefly subjects of sexual preference, depression, and racism.

While quick to get through, the secrets people divulge on occasion are disturbing, others are on the far end of the spectrum of what is considered normal or appropriate. Those not of a controversial nature may just state an obvious fact of life for a person, like one individual who admitted purposely texting the wrong person just to start a conversation. I found many to be touching. The one that hit me most though was an individual who reflected how much he was going to miss his Dad's stories after his Dad was gone. It was just a simple message, but I found it powerful and moving. I gave my dad a hug after I read that message.

Maybe a book of postcards with people's secret thoughts and dreams isn't something you would be interested in, but I promise there is something in this book for every person. You may find yourself laughing at someone's wry humor, others may make your heart twinge a bit, and still some may offend you. Whatever you read in this book, there will be something that leaves an impression after you shut the pretty cover.

Rensselaer "St. Joseph's College's Drexel Hall": Drexel is now restricted and on the list of Indiana's most endangered landmarks. Most of the building is said to be in ruins, but the chapel is in perfect condition. People have been known to hear voices in their heads when they walk into the building. This campus is said to be one of the most haunted in the country.

Valparaiso "Trolls Bridge": Taking 700 North going East you turn right on 125 West. If you stop on the bridge, set your keys on the hood of the car, then honk your horn, a troll will come and steal them. All you see of the troll is a Caucasian hand covered with warts.

Westville "Gravity Hill": At 1016 County Line Road if you stop at the mailbox and put your car in neutral you will be pushed uphill. It's said in the 1930's there was a bus full of children that was hit by a train and all were killed. The tracks were torn down in the 60s, but the children still push you up the hill. However, you never make it all the way up.

If your city wasn't mentioned, or you want to find out more you can look on <http://www.angelfire.com/the-force/haunted/hauntedplacesofindiana.htm>. I found many Indiana cities here and many interesting stories. If anyone visits any of these, send in your story to The Voice. We would love hear what happened.

"The Resistance" A 7 of 10



By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

After listening to Muse's latest album, "The Resistance," it is pretty obvious that the band's only real goal with each successive album is to find more and more creative ways to make their sound louder and more massive.

This can be a very difficult task for a three-piece band, but Muse seems to do it with ease (Note: The band does tour with an additional keyboardist to broaden their live sound). This album just adds to the listener's thoughts of Muse as an epic celestial music group. This is a band whose sound can be described to be as powerful as a super-massive black hole (Which happens to be the name of one of their songs).

The Resistance starts out with the most straightforward rock song that you will find on the album. The first track, "Uprising," contains a futuristic dance beat created and played by bassist Chris Wolstenholme. Over the bass is an almost creepy synth melody, along with a guitar part that at times is played just enough and at other times tears through the air. In an interview, the lead guitarist/vocalist Matt Bellamy spoke about how there has been a definite "us-vs.-them" mentality that has built up over the course of Muse's last few records, and "The Resistance" is no exception. As you listen to the opening song you can picture the crowds of concertgoers pumping their fist in the air, chanting along with Bellamy.

In the song, "Resistance," the lyrics make it very clear that,

"Love is our resistance." This song was inspired by Orwell's 1984, and very much reflects Orwell's belief that making love is the ultimate form of rebellion. This song would make for another great live performance.

In the song, "United States of Eurasia," you hear Bellamy's voice accompanied by piano in the beginning. As the song goes along it builds and builds and then explodes into what you thought you were hearing, a massive tribute to Queen and their outrageous vocal harmonies. The album ends with a 15-minute-long, three-part symphony called, "Exogenesis." The band has been working on this project since Muse's last album because it was deemed too progressive for "Black Holes & Revelations." Though now this piano-driven trio of songs has found a perfect fit at the end of "The Resistance."

This album marks yet another great album put out by the one and only Muse, though it is quite different from what the veteran listener might expect from this trio. Many people will love it and many people will hate it, but Muse is doing something that it is very good at and should be applauded. It is coming up with new and wild ways to express its music. Even if that means that some people will be upset. The band is taking chances so as not to replicate the sound that put them in the spotlight to begin with. I think this is something more bands should look into. I give "The Resistance" a 7 out of 10.

Local Fright Night Activities

By Kate Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Dressing up as a witch, a superhero, a cat, and a soccer player are some of the many costumes that we have put together as children. Free candy is what we look forward to on this day, as well as dressing up. As we get older it's more fun to get scared on Halloween, but how do we do this? Some get a group of friends together to watch scary movies. Some go out to haunted houses. But what about getting really spooked? I found a list of haunted places around Indiana. Some believe in ghosts and some don't. Regardless, let's see if any of the following destinations can scare the pants off us.

Crown Point "Gypsy Graveyard": It is said that at the back of this cemetery you can find fresh dirt from gypsies' graves. It is also said that there are glowing figures that seem to move towards you. People have been known to get raped and killed when visiting this site.

Kouts "Baum's Bridge Inn": At midnight you can look inside the window of this old inn and see a man with a very dim light around him. If you stare long enough he will get mad and get right in front of your face and scare you. It only takes a split second for him to move.

LaPorte "Hangman's Road/Orelake": A young couple was driving on this road when their car broke down. The young man went to look for help while

the woman sat and waited in the car. When the man came back she was gone. A drop of blood dripped on the windshield and when he looked up he saw her hanging from a tree. People have said to see ghosts and weird things in the woods. It is a popular place for breakdowns and many people have been killed here in car accidents.

Michigan City "50 North": Going past a white house off of US 421 you can sometimes hear moans and the house may or may not be there. A guy was said to have killed his family and buried them in the basement, where those moans seem to be coming from. This house is vacated, but is said to have some rooms that are always colder than others in the house.

North Judson "Highland Cemetery": On Highway 10 there is a cemetery where when you enter you can feel something grab your leg. People have left with scars on their legs that resemble fingernail scrapes.

Portage "Old Porter Road": Late at night often in the winter people have seen shadow-like figures roaming the train tracks between Portage and Burns Harbor that run along Old Porter Road. No one knows what exactly the figure is, but it is described as a dog-like creature with long thin legs, a long thin tail that when stretched makes the creature twice as long as a medium-sized canine, and glowing yellow eyes.

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Meet Your Peers: Stacey Gibson

Each issue The Voice would like to recognize a stellar student who is making a difference both here at PNC and elsewhere.

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Name: Stacey Gibson
Major: Business Management
Year: Junior

Stacey is here at PNC to become an RID certified interpreter for the deaf. Though PNC does not offer an interpreting degree, the campus has its merits in that it is close to home for Stacey. Of course, all the good things she had heard about the college helped push her to attend.

Considering that the state of Indiana simply requires a bachelor's degree to sit for the certification test, Stacey has decided to forgo an interpreting degree and has opted to join the business management program here. This allows her to obtain a degree that coincides with her previous work background and her future endeavors.

To gain a well-rounded educational experience, Stacey has taken advantage of the various American Sign Language (ASL) courses offered at PNC. She is not



only keeping up with her signing, but also obtaining valuable information in the realm of deaf culture and in ways to network the deaf and interpreting communities.

Beyond the number of courses PNC offers students, Stacey has immersed herself in her future goal with a membership in the ASL Club, having served as its vice president and now as its current president. She actively attends deaf events locally and

has networked at some ASL workshops. Presently, Stacey volunteers her time at the Signing Kids of Northwest Indiana where she interprets during their monthly story time. Ultimately, it is her phenomenal dedication that makes Stacey a success.

"I try everyday to improve myself, and my skills. Anytime I can attend a deaf event or am able to sign with someone, deaf or hearing, I jump right in."

The Spanish Club is Ready for You

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

The Spanish Club is back and in full swing this semester, meeting every Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. Room 007 in the Technology building has been reserved for these weekly gatherings. Understanding and discussing the culture of Latin America is high on the Club's agenda. Group members are using this exceptional experience to help complete a well-rounded educational experience here at PNC. Diversity is becoming more than just a word as members are delving into a world that may seem foreign to many people.

On Oct. 8, the Spanish Club officially launched its Spanish and Latina Film Festival. This unique and exciting festival, held right here on campus, screens popular and award winning films from the fascinating cultural genre described in its name. Kicking off the festival, an Argentine flick entitled "Nine Queens" was viewed that night. The film is a crime drama released in 2000.

The next presentation is set for Tuesday, Nov. 17. A showing of "Kanchatka," a feature by director Marcelo Pinyero, will begin at 5:00 p.m. in SWRZ 239.

This 2002 Argentine film, as described by Spanish Club advisor Professor Silvia Dapia, is "set... during the Dirty War of the 1970s and tells the story of a family hiding from the government in rural Argentina."

Beyond the fabulous festival, the Spanish Club will also be hosting an Altars exhibit in observance of the Day of the Dead, a traditional Mexican holiday. All are invited to stop by room 144 in LSF from nine in the morning until five in the evening. The exhibition is set to open the actual day of the holiday, Nov. 2, and remain on display through Nov. 3.

Furthermore, the Club is inviting all on campus to its Taste of Hispanic America. Held in LSF 144 on Nov. 9, samples of dishes from a Latin American menu will be offered. Food will be available from noon to 2:00 p.m..

In addition to these spectacular activities, the Spanish Club is now deliberating a trip to the multicultural city of Chicago. All students are welcome to drop in on a regular meeting, attend a special function, or request further information from faculty advisor Professor Dapia at sdapia@pnc.edu.

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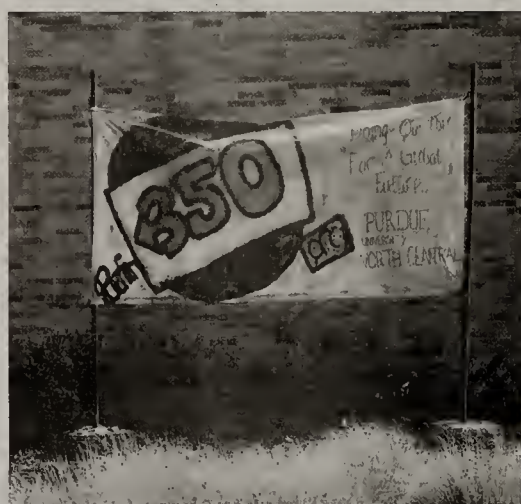
each day. Peffer also pointed out that we might need to be clearer on campus about what can be recycled in all the new recycling bins that have appeared this year.

Jim Sallee, director of maintenance and utilities, talked about how Building Services, Physical Plant and Maintenance is reevaluating the ways that it works as a part of our PNC community. Ramping up recycling efforts in the behind-the-scenes areas of PNC was on the top of the list, along with hopes of some more radical initiatives with the coming of our new activities complex.

Spero Valavanis ended up answering most of the questions as the president of Design Organization, the company that will be designing the new activities complex. Providing a multitude of different options for building a structure that meets LEED green building standards. His firm has experience in the local market at Valparaiso University and at University of Chicago. A particular point of discussion was whether PNC would make the jump at our physical plant to powering itself through geothermal means. In this design phase there are a lot of considerations not only pertaining to the environment, but also to the budget.

A particular concern in converting our operations to geothermal means of power is that our entire campus would have to be converted and the cost might be more than we can currently handle. While this might be true, an argument was also made by Dr. Kim Scipes that investing now and making a big step forward in our green and sustainable initiatives might not only be the right thing to do, but something that would pay off in the long term. As the size of PNC's campus grows, the cost to convert its utilities to more environmentally friendly means only grows over time.

Several individuals mentioned that PNC should take a more proactive approach and start requesting funds from state and federal stimulus money for just such a project. A move on PNC's part in that direction might not only be good in the long term and for the environment, but help to



350 Day banner that was out in the quad.

Cameron Kelly-Johnson

start create the infrastructure and impetus for the elusive green jobs that the nation has been looking for. The pay off for making such a move might be in making PNC a center in the area for innovative techniques.

As the room filled up with students, the biggest news on the day was announced. Marilyn Karas, one of the students in the Chancellor's Leadership Group, was on hand to announce PNC's new Rideshare program. Starting in January, when you log into your PNC account, you will have the chance to sign up for the Rideshare program. Not only will it help coordinate students carpooling so we can all save money and lower our carbon footprint as a community, anyone who participates in the PNC community will be provided preferential parking. The initiative has been the collective work of Chancellor's Leadership Group and many other organizations on campus. If you want a better parking place, to save a few dollars and help the environment, make sure you log in when January comes around and sign up.

The session ended with a presentation by student and activist Cameron Kelly-Johnson for 350.org. The presentation promoted a scientifically supported goal of achieving 350 parts per

million of CO2 in the atmosphere to help sustain our ecosystem. 350.org was founded by author Bill McKibben & is backed by NASA Climatologist Dr. James E. Hansen. 350.org is currently promoting actions and collecting supporters in over 170 countries to make sure that when UN leaders meet in Copenhagen in December to sign a new international agreement on environmental standards that 350 PPM of CO2 is the scientific goal that becomes part of the agreement.

After a day filled with information, the floor was opened to questions and suggestions from students, faculty, staff and community members. There was discussion of the small things a person can do, from using reusable bags at stores instead of plastic, to the feasibility of windmills in the area. Questions about what was happening locally in renewable energy were met with a fact that amazed some students. Just a little south down Highway 421 there is actually a home with a wind turbine. To finish out the day, Natalie Connors, director of career development, reminded everyone that PNC is looking for input towards its green initiatives and commentary on its current efforts by e-mail at going-green@pnc.edu.

Artist discusses art with students



Kate Gonzalez

Bobby Talamine discusses his photography of performers
By Kate Gonzalez
Staff Writer

On Oct. 20, Bobby Talamine visited PNC and held an event called Rock Frenzy to introduce his artwork. As students sat in LSF 144, they listened to what may be the coolest occupation a person can have.

Bobby has made it big by attending many concerts and meeting many famous artists. He is a photographer that has taken pictures for some of the greatest artists around. U2, Madonna, Johnny Cash, Neil Young, Tool, David Bowie, and many more were featured and discussed in Bobby's presentation.

His first big break was while his sister was dating the manager for Led Zeppelin. With his first shoot he came in with his camera and only two rolls of film. Scared and wondering if he brought enough film for the shoot, he got ready. Within a few minutes his film was used up, but he was so afraid of being kicked out, he continued to snap pictures with no film in the camera.

As Bobby enters an auditorium where the rock concert will be held he is told of the many rules each performer has. With each rule Bobby fights tooth and nail to get what he wants. Persuasion is Bobby's best trait. He can convince anyone to let him shoot where he wants. With some of the

performers such as Bob Dylan and Prince, both of whom, by the way, hate photographers, Bobby had a difficult time. However, Bobby does not back down.

Bobby had major trouble with the band Tool. Tool had never been photographed during a performance, but once again Bobby persuaded the artists to see it his way. With a loud rock n' roll band like Tool there's bound to be a mosh pit, and Bobby was stuck in one. Carrying thousands of dollars worth of camera equipment he spotted a few marines. Bobby had 100 bucks in his pocket and paid them to protect him from the moshing. The result was some of the greatest pictures of Tool ever taken.

Bobby is one who likes variety and something different. Standing at a microphone singing is so normal, so Bobby goes for different images, such as a musician bowing or looking over the piano because he forgot the lyrics. As Bobby walks around discreetly the performers never notice him. He becomes invisible to them. Bobby has something here. His career is something that he plans to do as long as he lives. Although Bobby never got to shoot Stevie Wonder, Elvis, and George Harrison, he still loves it that he got to shoot for so many great artists. I'm sure he is nowhere near finished.

PNC Celebration of Hispanic Music, Food and Dance

Westville -Purdue University North Central will be the site of the event, "Hispanic Heritage 2009: A PNC Celebration of Latin American Music and Dance" on Nov. 7, from 1 to 5 p.m., in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. The event is sponsored by the PNC Multicultural Club, the Department of Social Sciences, the Latin American Studies Faculty and the Organization of Latina Women of Northwest Indiana.

The program will feature the dance group Brisas del Colombia, directed by Carlos Mario Arango and his wife Zulma Arango. Brisas is based in Fort Wayne and

has performed for about six years. The 12 to 14 men and women who make up the group perform a variety of dances that include Cumbia, Contradanza, Salsa and Bambuco.

The program will also include PNC student Cynthia de Santiago who will dance flamenco and Sonia Kincaid, a member of the dance group Taqui Sisacuna who performed at PNC earlier this year, will present an Andean dance called Valicha.

Finally, the audience will be entertained with the guitar and song of Pancho and Carolyn Rodea, of Valparaiso, who will play a medley of Latino folk songs and ballads.

The emcee for the event will be Martha Garcia-Saenz, PNC associate professor of Building Construction Management Technology.

Refreshments will be provided by the Organization of Latina Women of Northwest Indiana, members of the Colombian community and the PNC Multicultural Club.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Kenneth Kincaid, assistant professor of History, at ext. 5244 or kkincaid@pnc.edu. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Kincaid.

The World As We Know It:

Weird News from around the Country

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. - Oregon may have produced the likes of actor Danny Glover and composer George Bruns, but it has also produced the vengeful Donald Earl Fite III. Fite was sentenced to two years probation on Oct. 13 for crimes against his girlfriend and her pet fish. Apparently, after being dumped by his girlfriend, Fite proceeded to rough her up until she ran away. Upon returning to her apartment with a police officer in tow, the now ex-girlfriend discovered her beautiful Betta fish on the floor with a knife speared through it. Fite pled guilty to both the assault and the animal abuse charges. However, his attorney, Tom MacNair, released the statement that "(Fite) is absolutely mortified and ashamed about what he did to the fish."

SIoux CITY, Iowa - With Halloween just around the corner

pranksters are jumping in feet first. People are assuredly sneaking up behind others and yelling, rednecks are probably tipping over outhouses, and lowans are dressing up dead deer and putting them on porches. At least one dead deer on one porch. On the eighth of this month, animal control officers in Sioux City were called out to a house where a lifeless deer lay on a porch sporting a wig and a clown suit. Is this crazy business for them? The answer remains unclear as local police officials decided not to open any investigation.

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Earlier this month during a medical emergency, an ambulance stopped along a bar-busy street in Lawrence. A young man of 21 years drunkenly stumbled upon the parked vehicle and apparently believed it to be the only means available to get him home. He made off with the ambulance leading the local authorities on a short, slow-speed chase.

PNC American Sign Language Club Silent Events

Westville - The Purdue University North Central American Sign Language Club will host a series of Silent Coffee House and Silent Tea events that are open to the community.

All events are free and open to ASL students as well as community members. Children are welcome to attend with their parents or adult.

These are fun, casual events for all to enjoy through participation or as an observer. They are intended to be a means for students and community members to get together to communicate using only American Sign Language and meet others interested in learning and expanding their ASL skills. Some participants are learning ASL to better communicate with friends, co-workers or family members, others use it as their primary means of communication. All skills levels are welcome to attend.

There will be an ASL Game Night on Nov. 10 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. There will be a variety of activities for participants of all ages.

Silent Lunches will take place in the PNC cafeteria for the remainder of the semester. The group will be in the near the main cafeteria entrance and will be as

visible as possible.

Silent Lunches will be Nov. 5 from 11:20 a.m. to noon; Nov. 11 from noon to 12:45 p.m. and Nov. 19 from 11:20 a.m. to noon.

Silent Coffee Houses will be offered at Evelyn Bay Company, 3800 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso. The coffee houses will be from 6 to 9 p.m. with a fun group activity beginning at 7 p.m.

Future ASL Coffee House dates events will be Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

There will a Silent Dinner Dec. 7 at Culver's Restaurant, 3966 Frontage Road, Michigan City from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

For both the dinner and coffee houses, participants use ASL for conversation and to place orders - a student may translate orders into English for the server or participants may point to the menu or write out an order.

Further information about the coffee houses may be obtained by contacting Joanna Witulski at pncaslwitulski@yahoo.com.

Further information about the Silent Lunches and the ASL program at PNC may be obtained by contacting Karen Donah, continuing lecturer and coordinator of American Sign Language, at ext. 5432 or kdonah@pnc.edu. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Donah.

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Sports

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Volleyball puts finishing touches on Season

By Jesse Cartagena
Staff Writer

The PNC volleyball team looks to stay hot the last three games of the season. They've won three of the last four including one against Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) opponent, Robert Morris University. Freshman Brittany Piaseczny led the Panthers in the game offensively with 11 kills.

Junior, Kira Fifeld who has led the team in digs the majority of the games this year had 25 in the game against Robert Morris. She also leads the team with 275 on the season.

The Panthers have put up some strong offensive games this

season. One of the big contributors offensively has been junior, Tara Irwin who got a season high 23 kills against non-conference opponent Indiana University Northwest. Irwin who has 284 kills this season is tied for third in the CCAC in kills per set at 3.3. Irwin, the offensive hitter from Walkerton also leads the team in hitting percentage at .202.

With three games to go, the Panthers have a 9-16 record on the season, which is all the more impressive when you consider this is only the Panthers third season of intercollegiate play (the first seasons they posted a 3-26 record), they've played this season with only nine players (down from 12 last year), and four of

those players are freshman.

The only senior on the squad is also gaining conference recognition. Going into the last few games, Alyssa Davis is sixth in the conference in assists with 732; Davis is fifth in assist per games at 8.8. Davis, who was a high school teammate of Irwin at John Glenn High School, was named to the All-Tournament Team in the opening games for the Panthers during Concordia University Invitational in Ann Arbor, MI. She got a season high 50 assists in the victory over Moody Bible Institute.



Megan Staroscak (12) serves a winner against Moody.

Statue vs. The Bell: World Series Preview

By Jesse Cartagena
Staff Writer

The New York Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday night to claim their first trip to the World Series since 2003. Meeting them in New York for the first game will be the Philadelphia Phillies who wrapped up their World Series trip with a victory last week over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Yankees and Phillies are both familiar with the World Series in their own rights. The Yankees have reached the World Series more times than any team in any professional sport-40. Meanwhile the Philadelphia Phillies are aiming to win their second World Series in a row after beating the Tampa Bay Rays in last year's fall classic. The Yankees are known for spending huge sums of money, purchasing high profile free agents. However, this is the first year their 275 million dollar investment has come through in the clutch.

The Yankees made the post-season from 2004 to 2007 and in those series Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, a career .305 hitter, hit a disappointing .245 with only 4 home runs in 94 at bats. Putting aside Rodriguez's October struggles, A-Rod had a degrading start to the season. His image as a 'clean player' was dismissed when it was announced in February that he tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs

during the 2003 season as a member of the Texas Rangers. Shortly after the controversy, A-Rod had hip surgery to repair a torn labrum and missed the first 6 weeks of the season. Rodriguez proved his merit though homering in his first at bat of the season and finishing the year with 30 home runs and 100 RBI for the 12th season in a row. Even more important in this year's postseason (heading into the World Series) A-Rod is hitting a historic .438 with 5 home runs. Resembling the player Yankee fans root for during the regular season.

Meanwhile, just 100 miles down interstate 95, the Philadelphia Phillies, look to become the first team since the Yankees to win back to back World Series titles (The Yanks won three straight from 1998-2000). While the Yankees throw large sums of money at free agent acquisitions the Philadelphia Phillies have gotten to where they are mostly due to their home-grown talent-players like Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins, and Cole Hamels, and two key midseason acquisitions.

Cliff Lee, was a mediocre pitcher at best during his first six seasons with the Cleveland Indians. The southpaw figured some things out between the 2007 and 2008 seasons in which he went from a pitcher with a 6.23 ERA, a 5-8 record and a demotion to the minor leagues to a pitcher

with a 2.54 ERA, a 22-3 record, and a Cy Young Award. Lee, a trade deadline acquisition from the Indians to the Phillies helped the National League Champs down the stretch with a 7-4 record including three complete games.

Their other July acquisition seemed unlikely to pitch in the major leagues at all this year, but Pedro Martinez got a one year contract from the Phillies, after sitting out the first three and a half months of the year. The three time Cy Young Award winner shrugged off doubters who pointed to his last three disappointing, injury-ridden seasons with the New York Mets, by going 5-1 in nine starts for the Phillies. Pedro pitched an incredible 2 hit 7 inning performance in the Phillies only loss to the Dodgers in Game 2 of the NLCS.

The Yankees and Phillies have met in the World Series only once, and that was back in 1950 when the Yankees led by some great pitching, swept the Phillies four games to none. This time though, both teams have great pitching and both teams are being led right now by two great sluggers in Rodriguez and Howard.

A survey conducted among 100 random PNC students, faculty, and staff picked the Yankees out of the eight postseason teams to win the World Series-25%. While only 8% percent picked the Phillies to repeat as World Champions. My prediction, PNC will get it right. Yankees win in seven games.

2009-2010 PNC Panther Basketball Schedule

Friday Oct. 30 IU - South Bend 7 p.m. HOME
Wed. Nov. 4 Andrews University 7 p.m. HOME
Friday Nov. 13 IU - East 8 p.m. Richmond, IN
Sat. Nov. 14 IU - Southeast TBA Richmond, IN
Wed. Nov. 18 Manchester College 6:30 p.m. Manchester, IN
Sat. Nov. 21 Holy Cross College (IN) 2 p.m. HOME
Tues. Nov. 24 Moody Bible Institute 7 p.m. Chicago
UW-Parkside Tournament
Fri. Nov. 27 Bemidji State University 5 p.m. Kenosha, WI
Sat. Nov. 28 Grace Bible College (MI) 3 p.m. Kenosha, WI
Wed. Dec. 2 Trine University 7 p.m. HOME
Sat. Dec. 5 Silver Lake College TBA Manitowoc, WI
Tues. Dec. 8 DePauw University (Exhibition) 7:30 (ET)
Greencastle, IN Hope College Tournament
Fri. Dec. 11 Opponent TBA TBA Holland, MI
Sat. Dec. 12 Opponent TBA TBA Holland, MI
Tues. Dec. 15 Concordia TS (IN) 6 p.m. Fort Wayne, IN
Sat. Dec. 19 St. Xavier University 7 p.m. HOME
Tues. Dec. 22 Marygrove College TBA Detroit, MI
Mon. Dec. 28 IPFW (Exhibition) 6 p.m. Fort Wayne
Wed. Jan. 6 Judson University* 7 p.m. HOME
Wed. Jan. 13 Trinity International University* 7 p.m. HOME
Sat. Jan. 16 Trinity Christian College* 2 p.m. HOME
Wed. Jan. 20 Purdue University Calumet* 7 p.m. Hammond, IN
Sat. Jan. 23 Calumet College of St. Joseph* 3 p.m. Hammond, IN
Wed. Jan. 27 Cardinal Stritch University* 7 p.m. HOME
Sat. Jan. 30 Judson University* 5 p.m. Elgin, IL
Sat. Feb. 6 Trinity International University* TBA Deerfield, IL
Wed. Feb. 10 Trinity Christian College* 7:30 p.m. Palos Heights, IL
Sat. Feb. 13 Purdue University Calumet* 2 p.m. HOME
Wed. Feb. 17 Calumet College of St. Joseph* 7 p.m. HOME
Sat. Feb. 20 Cardinal Stritch University* 6 p.m. Milwaukee, WI
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Fashion Do's for Fall and Winter

By Brianna Armato
Staff Writer

To Fashion Column Skeptics:

We live in a world full of violence, hate crimes and poverty. We all understand the issues around the world and we all know there are soldiers overseas risking their lives for others. But sometimes there just needs to be a little bit of uplift. Watching the news doesn't deliver that. It instead reinforces what we already know about death and destruction. It very rarely focuses on the achievements of a child, or things people have done right for the world. For some people, like myself, that kind of news is just too depressing to deal with day in and day out.

Fashion, kind of like sports for men, creates a cushion from the harsh reality of the world. It is something we allow ourselves to become engulfed in. I know for myself that when the Grammys, the Oscars or any of the red carpet events are on television, I am glued to my set. I focus on what everyone's wearing and for the next week as well I watch E!'s Fashion Police to see what is going to be said about everyone's outfits.

Yes, we all know how badly the economy is crumbling. We all know about the hate. We all know about the issues feminists seem to have with fashion columns. But fashion is light hearted and for some people is an outlet. And although a gorgeous pair of shoes CANNOT solve world problems- they can make you feel as though you could conquer the world... if you wanted to.

For November/December: Fall/Winter Fashion:

There are a lot of fashionable students here at PNC. I'd like to keep all readers, (guys, that means you too) up to date on the latest fashion trends according to Vogue, Rachel Zoe and other famous designers, and E!

Picture this; it's 7:00 in the morning and you have class at 9:00. It's a chilling 45 degrees outside and you have to walk to your class from the PNC parking lot, which everyone knows can be quite the hike! You're wondering what to wear as you just recently put away all of your summer clothes and pulled out the dreaded winter wardrobe. Let me tell you all-it's simple. Vogue is claiming the UGG boots are a must have for the winter; these are very versatile, practical boots that are so cozy you will forget about the snow! Guys, you can also buy this brand of boot in this new style: The Rockville is a rugged motorcycle boot made with rich full grain waterproof leather and finished with a molded rubber outsole. Detailed with metal buckles, this boot has an edgier look. Girls, I know you might be sick of everyone wearing their "last year" suede boots but there is good news! That is being replaced with the new sweater like material that makes the boot so versatile you can wear it 3 ways and the color options are a plenty as well.

Ok, so you got your shoes picked out, now what to wear with them? Try the wool approach this winter! Henley sweaters are also popular for the weather and why not try on the Michael Jackson inspired button-

flap cardigan sweater for size? One thing to keep in mind when shopping this season; go for the "marled" look. It's a casual but could be dressy textured print that kind of resembles a mixture of two different colors meshed together. (For Guys and Girls: I know North Face is comfortable and accidentally became stylish, but really, let's not fill up our Christmas lists with a North Face this or that this year.)

Guys! You should go for the V-neck sweaters with different prints on them. Also, a great choice for a casual, cold day would be the zip up sweaters from Buckle; they come in all different prints and the popular colors this season are blacks and greys. You can put your favorite tee under them for a personal appeal.

Last but not least, the pants! What are you going to throw on to complete the look? Girls can get away with leggings if worn properly along with the highly suggested UGG boots, ora good fitting pair of jeans always do the trick. ADVICE: Don't try to overdo it with the colors you put on- instead accessorize! Since blacks and greys are in this season, go for some colorful earrings or purses. Guys, jeans always look and feel good for a cold day but not just any jean; go for the faded and roughed up look when shopping and dark jeans can be used for casual or for dressy so it might be a smart buy to own a pair! Questions? You can check out all these items online at uggaustralia.com and buckle.com to get a better feel of what's in and to help choose which styles best fit you!

mology. According to the hypothesis, the sun precisely aligns with this intersection point at the winter solstice of 2012. It is thought that the Mayans anticipated this conjunction and celebrated it as the harbinger of a profound spiritual transition for mankind. It is with evidence like this that scholars suggest that the Mayans plotted their calendars around astrological events with the objective of preparing for significant world events. In the eyes of most scholars, the Mayans believed the 2012 date to be positive event of celebration.

A far more apocalyptic view of the year 2012 has spread in various forms on the Internet. Many websites, online cults and doomsayers have posted claims that 2012 marks the end of the world. This view has been supported by the History Channel, which has had countless specials on the "Mayan Doomsday Prophecy" and many other end-of-the-world specials.

One idea proposed by these specials involves a geomagnetic reversal, which could be triggered by a massive solar flare, one with energy equal to 100 billion atomic bombs. This belief is supposedly supported by observations that the Earth's magnetic field is weakening, which indicates an impending reversal of the north and south magnetic poles. Scientists estimate the last geomagnetic reversal to have occurred 780,000 years ago, and they say that the earth is overdue for one. The assumption is that with this magnetic reversal will also come catastrophic earthquakes that will ravage the Earth. The problem with the idea of this reversal destroying the Earth on one day is that it takes 5,000 years for the process of switching to complete. Also, the reversal

could not possibly be expected to happen on a set date. While NASA expects a particularly strong solar maximum sometime between 2010 and 2012 there is no scientific evidence linking solar maximum to a geomagnetic reversal. This is one theory that doesn't have much to support it.

Another theory is that a planet called Nibiru will collide with or pass by Earth in 2012. This idea, which has been circulating since 1995, was initially expected for 2003. It has ties to alien species and is widely ridiculed. Astronomers calculate that such an object so close to Earth would be visible to anyone looking up at the night sky.

The Jenkins's Hypothesis says that when the previously mentioned "Galactic Alignment" occurs, it will somehow create a combined gravitational effect between the sun and the super massive black hole (Sgr A*) at the center of our galaxy, creating havoc on Earth. This theory also does not hold true. The main evidence against it being that Sgr A* is 30,000 light years from Earth, and would have to be more than a million times closer to cause any gravitational disruption to our solar system.

Overall, it can be concluded that the Mayans were a very advanced society, with a deep understanding of space, time, and the workings of the mathematics. They used calendar systems to explain and measure out the events in the world they lived in. There remain many mysteries regarding their works and beliefs, though one thing should be quite obvious. The theory of the Mayans predicting the end of the world and humanity as a whole is one myth that will soon be extinguished when December 21, 2012 comes around.

PNC Inducts International Business Honor Society Members

Westville - Purdue University North Central College of Business will induct its first members into its newly formed chapter of the Sigma Beta Delta International Business Honor Society on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02.

Sigma Beta Delta was created 10 years ago. Sigma Beta Delta was created as a business honor society for institutions with regional accreditation. Today it has more than 248 chapters in 46 states; with one international institution. PNC was granted its chapter in April. Through Sigma Beta Delta; PNC faculty have the ability to grant international recognition for the outstanding academic achievements of students in the College of Business. PNC is the first and only chapter of Sigma Beta Delta International Business Honor Society in Indiana.

The society encourages and recognizes scholarship and accomplishment among students in the College of Business and encourages and promotes aspirations toward personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service.

Candidates for bachelor and masters degrees in the College of Business who rank in the upper 20 percent of their class at the time of invitation to membership may be inducted into membership following completion of at least half of the degree program enrolled. While almost 300,000 students receive bachelor's or master's degrees in Business each year, only 4,000 are inducted into lifetime membership in Sigma

Beta Delta International Business Society.

The PNC students earning earning invitations to membership for the 2009 - 2010 academic year are Undergraduate Students:

Rebecca Ann Adams, Portage; Samantha Lynn Bagwell, New Carlisle; Anthony Joseph Baker, Valparaiso; Mathew N Barbur, Valparaiso; Wendelin Jo Wild Blanton, Hobart; Maria A Blumenfeld, Michigan City; Virginia M Borolov, Michigan City; Devin Alex Bos, La Crosse; Erik Gerald Bross, Valparaiso; Anthony Joel Butler, Chesterton; Michele E Button, Valparaiso; Thomas J Covert, New Buffalo; Lorissa Ruth Cox, Chesterton; Ricky I Curtis, Walkerton; Matthew Benjamin Downs, San Pierre; Kara Lynn Nobile Ellis, Crown Point; Marsha L Nettles Eriks, Portage; Felicia Fay Bush Goufas, LaPorte; Stephanie Marie Hailey, Valparaiso; Alison Maree Herbst, Kingsford Heights; Ashley M Hofecker, LaPorte; Kimberly Kay Holland, Portage; Patricia Ann Feller Houlihan, Valparaiso; Carrie Ann Hoyt, Valparaiso; Marta L Huddleston, LaPorte; Ying L Jarosak, Chesterton; Kori Beth Kasten, LaPorte; Tiffany M Kedziora, Merrillville; Kathryn Elizabeth Koenig, Valparaiso; Stephanie Terese Kuziela, Westville; Nicole Ann Kars Leckrone, Valparaiso; Jane Ellen LeCourt, LaPorte; Adam Bryan Levin, Lowell; Jordan E Lill, Valparaiso; Zachery J Lindborg, Union Mills; Nicole Rachel McBride, Knox; James Ryan Mihalik, Valparaiso; Nicholas S

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Graduate Students are: Matthew Ronald Daye, Chesterton; Jennifer Lynn Dennington, Portage; Heath Ryan Jenkins, Du Bois, Penn.; Brian Jacob Konicke, Michigan City; Jennie Lou Niksch, Westville; Thomas Allen Poczekay, Westville; Rebecca Ruth Regalado, LaPorte; James A Vilga, Valparaiso; Maureen Suzanne Zakutansky, Valparaiso.

PNC Choir Club Forming

By Katie Gonzalez
Staff Writer

The Choir Club meeting was held on Oct. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. About 18 people showed up in Tech 160, filling up every inch of the small room. Our effort to spread the word to students to get involved really paid off.

Every person there enjoyed singing and wanted to spread their lovely voices around campus. We discussed a few things with each other but have not yet decided anything final. Everyone who showed up had a chance to meet the group and share their ideas.

If you missed the meeting and want some information, feel free to email me, Katie Gonzalez, at kgonza00@pnc.edu. Look out PNC. A Choir is forming.



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Concert will be held at 3:00 P.M.

October 4

John Stossel

An Evening with John Stossel

ABC News Correspondent, co-anchor of "20/20" and the author of two national bestsellers, John Stossel poses the questions and obtains the answers for the American people. His topic will focus on the up-to-the-minute issues on people's minds. There will be a book signing following the program.

October 18

Jonathan Rauch

Government in 2020: Bankrupt or Reform?

Senior writer and columnist for *National Journal* magazine and correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly*, Jonathan Rauch has authored several books and a multitude of articles on public policy, culture and economics. In his uniquely engaging style, he will take the Forum audience into the future for a glimpse of what our government will look like in 2020 and how we will feel the effects of our battle to come back from the economic recession. There will be a book signing following the program.

November 8

Robert Krulwich

Making Medical Science WONDER-ful

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Called the most inventive network reporter on television by *E.Y. Guide*, Robert Krulwich is expert at explaining complex issues in a style that is clear, compelling and entertaining. Through the use of vivid images and unusual examples (he once explained the structure of DNA using a banana) he captivates his audiences.

December 8

Twyla Tharp

Creativity and Risk Taking

legendary dancer, choreographer, author, Kennedy Honors award recipient and Tony Award winner, Twyla Tharp will provide a practical approach to achievement including turning ideas into products and notions into realities. Explaining lessons learned in the performing arts, her animated presentation, filled with movement, has delighted audiences across the country. There will be a book signing following the program.

NOTE: All programs will be held at Elston Middle School, 317 Denair Street, Michigan City. On 4th, Oct 18th, Nov 8th and Dec 8th programs will begin at 7:00 P.M. Sept 12th concert will begin at 3:00 P.M.

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Veterans Remembered in Ceremony

By Jacob Havner
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, PNC held a beautiful ceremony to honor those who have and are serving our country. This ceremony was held by the fountain in the plaza, and was the first annual Veterans Day event put on by PNC.

The event began with an excellent display from some of the vocal talent around PNC with songs being sung by the choir, and two different soloists. Chancellor Dworkin then moved things along with a speech entitled "PNC: A Vet Friendly Campus." He also recognized the assembled members of the PNC Veterans Club. The more than one hundred current veterans on campus put this club together.

The master of ceremonies, Vice Chancellor Larry Barrett, then introduced the keynote speaker, Captain Luann Barndt. Captain Barndt is the commander of the Coast Guard contingent at Lake Michigan.

Following Captain Barndt's remarks on speech on veterans and education in America, Linda Duttlinger was called forth to read the names of current and past veterans in the military. These names were submitted by everyone on campus and totaled over one hundred.

After a beautiful version of "America the Beautiful" the ceremony came to a conclusion.



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Health Care Reform Panel Sparks Healthy Debate

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

Narrowly passing in the House of Representatives with a 220-215 vote, H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act, was the topic of a panel held by PNC's Student Government on Monday, November 16. Dr. Nancy Marthakis, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Dr. Anthony Sindone, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics were on hand to answer questions and provide analysis and critique of the bill. A landmark bill that includes a "public option" for healthcare many provisions in the bill are hot topics of debate.

The public option in particular has caused more than a few arguments in political circles recently, many terming the very idea of a public option as socialism. Dr. Sindone disagreed with this sentiment heartily, stating "the public option is not socialism" and pointing out that the option is there to aid competition. "The real question is whether we as a country believe health care is a fundamental human right." Dr. Sindone emphasized that what the public option is likely to do is encourage employers to use it as a lower cost alternative to current private health care plans. "PNC pays around \$30,000 for each employee's health benefits, and the public option is likely to cost much less at first."

Moving on to the issues of rising price, Dr. Marthakis, for-

merly a practicing physician, said that the lack of reform in malpractice law suits is a major flaw in the bill. "Malpractice suits drive the cost of healthcare up the most. Most of these suits are frivolous, and the bill is missing any sort of provisions to limit them." The fact that there are not provisions to address this fact was noted as an issue by both scholars.

The panel moved on to answering what should be added or removed from the bill. Dr. Marthakis noted that the provision that bars undocumented immigrants from participating in the public option should be removed for many including that they will be headed to the emergency room for care either way. "It's a feel good provision," Dr. Marthakis stated, saying it wouldn't really change the way that undocumented immigrants use the health care system currently. Dr. Sindone noted one provision in particular the he thought should be changed. "There is a provision in the bill that says 'members of congress may elect to use the public option.' I believe it should be changed to must use the public option." He argued that if members of congress were forced to use the public option, they would be highly motivated to create a reasonable public option.

Meet Your Peers: Craig Golbesky

**Each issue The Voice
would like to recognize
a stellar student who is
making a difference
both here at PNC and
elsewhere.**

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Name: Craig Golbesky
Major: English
Year: Junior

Craig Golbesky is a nontraditional student furthering his education at PNC. He chose this campus not only for its location, but also the amazing benefits of having a small student-to-instructor ratio. With more individualized attention, Craig claims that he is able to make the absolute most out of his time in college. He openly admits his feeling that "at this point and stage in my life I am taking more out of the professors' classes; I'm not just here for a degree."

Throughout his collegiate career, Craig has focused on keeping his grades up. His goal is to stay as close as he possibly can to a 4.0 GPA. In his English major. With such a high average, it is clear the man is attempting to sponge up all knowledge in his field of study. English Professor Dr. Jerry Holt recognizes this and states, "Craig Golbesky is one of the most talented individuals I have ever met. In each class he takes he not only learns the material, but goes beyond it in remarkable ways.... an assignment in [a] novel class led him to writing an additional section to "The Sound and the Fury" by William Faulkner."



This dedication will undoubtedly aide him in his future goals. Having been inspired by Holt, Craig has set his sights on graduate work in the English field. With interests in both American and 19th Century British Literature, he plans to one day teach at a university.

In the meantime, Craig balances school life with that of the life of a theatrical director. Specializing in musicals, he has been awarded such distinctions as "Best Director of a Musical" and "Best Vocal Director," along with winning numerous acting awards. Recently, he was involved with the production of "Jerry's Girls" at the Portage Community Theater. This show won the honor of Best Ensemble.

His directorial vitae includes musicals performed at the Memorial House in Valparaiso, the Dunes Summer Theater, the 4th Street Theater, and the Portage Community Theater; the latter being the playhouse where

Craig is currently working as president where duties include directing, along with securing locations, heading up fundraising, selecting the plays for the season, and running meetings.

Presently, auditions for his next musical, "Nine," have concluded and rehearsals have begun. An Italian piece, written by Federico Fellini, the musical is about a movie director coming to terms with how his life has turned out the way it has. It revolves around the influence of the women in his life. The cast is comprised of 21 women and one man. It is based on the 1963 movie "8 1/2." A film adaptation on the musical will be released in December this year, and will star the likes of Daniel Day-Lewis, Penelope Cruz, Nicole Kidman, and Judi Dench. Craig's opening will be on April 16, 2010, and the show will run through May 2, 2010.

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Bring on the Weddings...Maybe



By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

Lately, all I have been hearing about is how just about everyone I know is getting engaged. Is this engagement season?

I have a few childhood friends who have recently become engaged, including my brother and my cousin. Since relatives of mine are having weddings, I am going to have to be involved. I hear my brother and his fiancé talk about all the things they have to do before they get hitched in July. They need a DJ, a cake, a hall, guests, food, liquor, a dress, bridesmaid dresses, etc, etc, etc. Just listening to them talk about it is exhausting enough for me. It makes me realize that weddings seem to be more exhausting than exhilarating. No wonder the brides get so flustered and earn the nickname "Bridezilla."

Personally, if I ever get married, I would do things a little differently than the traditional way. I would jet to Las Vegas, buy a simple ivory dress, and proceed with my hair down, no veil, and a simple bouquet of flowers.

Here's the kicker, I would not invite anyone to come with me. I would not have bridesmaids. I would not even invite my parents.

Some people may think this is selfish and mean, but what is the wedding all about, really? In my eyes, a wedding is about the two people joining together because they love each other. They want to spend the rest of their lives together. Yes, I know when you are in love and are joining together in a loving union, you would want your family members to be there—your parents, your friends to witness perhaps the happiest moment of your life. However, I just do not see the point in having an extravagant party if there is no real need.

If my marriage makes it to 10 years, then I will have a party. I think that is worth investing tons of money in, since divorce is so common nowadays. This may seem like a sad, negative rant on something wonderful, but it has been, and will be, my non-traditional opinion on something so traditional.

Anyway, bring on the weddings (as long as I don't have to plan them)!

The Scheduling Crisis: One Editor's Opinion

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Editor

As I began to register for my last semester of classes I was extremely disappointed in the way in which registration for the Spring 2010 semester went. I was notified that by my advisor that the class schedule would be available for viewing near the time of fall break (I am a little hazy on the details as to whether it was before or after, but at this point it does not really matter). The week after the schedule was available registration for graduating seniors would begin, so I went ahead and made an appointment with my advisor to discuss the classes that I would need to take to make sure that I would graduate in May.

In the meantime I waited patiently for the schedule to go online. I waited and waited and

waited and finally I received an email saying that the schedule was not going to be ready for another week. At this point I was not too worried because it was still October; I went to talk to my advisor and planned out the classes that I would need to take (keep in mind though that at this point neither of us was sure when the classes that I needed would be offered).

Finally the schedule appeared online and I was able to register for my classes. Then the very next day I received an email stating that registration had been stopped because there were problems with the schedule and that students would be notified when registration would resume. For days, my classes were in limbo, I was unsure if some of the classes that I had signed up for would

still be available at the same times once the "problems" were fixed. Thankfully, however, once the problems were fixed my schedule remained the same.

But this did not stop me from wondering why there was such a big problem. In my four years this has never happened before and it left me wondering what had changed. Are students not the reason for this institution? Shouldn't there be a reliable means for students to register for classes?

When questioning the happenings with the schedule I have received two different answers from faculty and administration, each blaming the other. To me it does not really matter to whom the fault belongs I am just astonished that there were so many problems with scheduling.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Something is irking me...It's our printing practices, and more importantly our budget.

We're using 100% recycled FSC certified papers in a lot of our operations. For those of you not versed in Internal Forest Politics, that means our paper comes from areas that have been responsibly logged and most of the critters and plants that aren't needing to be involved in the process are still doing whatever they do. SPI is another certification that is given to paper and lumber. There's a reason the U.S. Green Building Council doesn't accept it for LEED Certified buildings and I refer to SPI as The Tree Devils. Ask me about that another time.

What irks me today though is that I'm filling out a 7 page survey. Now we could debate that it could easily fit on 6 pages. We could debate that I should have been taking it online instead, at maybe SurveyMonkey.com. What we can't likely debate is the fact that thing wasn't printed double sided. It used fully twice the paper it needed to. This isn't just an environmental issue, it's a cost issue. Put it on 6 double sided pages and you can save the university \$0.12 a copy. I don't know how many copies of it we made, but it means we tossed money out the door and our document had almost twice the impact on the environment it needed to just because we have a bad habit.

\$0.12 doesn't sound like much, and nor does \$12.00 if there were only 100 copies of the survey made, but let's consider this on a university-wide scale.

With roughly 60+ departments and over 500 faculty and staff the numbers could imaginably add up to a pretty large sum. If just 20% of that could have been reduced by double sided printing, it means we could have had more money for programs, salaries and having a good time. For the price we paid in waste, I'm willing to place a bet you can pay me to sit in print services and look each job over, making them double sided as needed and still have money left to spare from the savings. I wanted to put some actual solid numbers here, but the university couldn't provide the statistics in time for deadline.

Maybe the flowers aren't the thing we should all be discussing behind each other's backs when we're talking about waste in the budget. Love 'em or hate 'em, the flowers are beautiful and they serve a purpose as part of the face of the university that pulls in students. Pages printed on one side usually serve no purpose. It's not likely to improve the flow of the document, make it any more useful, or get us anywhere in the grand scheme that involves people coming to this university or graduating.

The extra use adds extra weight to our lives, all sorts of transportation costs, a higher carbon footprint and money lost that we could use many other places. Now, often times when I've brought this up to people on this campus, it's been relatively disregarded or met with the standard "We can't control what the professors do" response. Guess what, I don't believe that for a moment, and the Communications Department is

certainly not alone in its transgression, they just happen to be the ones unfortunate enough to put their mistake on my desk today. There are universities and colleges across the country where double sided printing is mandatory.

Next off, imagine how much might be saved if we had just used a resource such as SurveyMonkey.com instead of paper. No time spent tallying the results, little to no paper use at all, and the possibility to garner responses without handing out surveys to people who won't be completing them. Need assurance they will get completed? Get a tip from our resident AIDS Online professor, Sharron Jenkins, offer a few points of extra credit, it honestly won't hurt the academic integrity of your grading scale any more than any number of things that happen around you.

So what's it going to take to change our habits? Asking nicely has been failing for years. Is a scathing commentary what we need?

Consider this every time you walk to the copy machine, fill out a print order, or click print that by printing double sided you could cut your paper use in half and leave the university a few more coins in its coffers to do what it is here to do. If we're going to produce educated leaders and participants for the workforce that change over time, we should set an example ourselves. If it's not absolutely necessary, don't leave a side blank.

Cameron Kelly-Johnson

The Voice

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Dear Editor,

I recently checked old messages in the PNC email box and noticed an undeleted piece of mail from the school. The heading for the announcement informed me there would be a "Revised Scheduled Unexpected Blackout from Blackboard" at the convenient hours between 11 P.M. and 3 A.M. Granted, some of us aren't up that late doing assignments in the wee hours of the morn before they are due. What responsible college student does that?

What astounds me most is that an unexpected blackout from Blackboard can be scheduled. Talk about an oxymoron. The added bonus is that the message had already been sent out not once, but twice. Who knew you could revise an unexpected and scheduled event.

If the unexpected yet scheduled blackout wasn't enough, we've also got the general hang-ups and headaches encountered with Blackboard everyday of the week, including those blackouts

that we so love: slow loading, assignments, documents, and quizzes not opening, the program not opening period, time running out due to inactivity when you only stopped typing for less than five minutes...

Blackboard's numerous and irritating problems abound, there's an unexpected gain from the joys of its malfunctioning coded ways. It provides the perfect excuse to students and teachers alike — those who use Blackboard anyway — about why work in the classroom hasn't been done.

Didn't get your quiz in on time? No problem! Just turn to the teacher and say, "Hey, Blackboard was acting up again and it didn't accept my quiz" or try this one: "I couldn't get on last night because Blackboard was so slow and couldn't load. That's why you didn't get my assignment." They have little choice but to accept it, because we've all had that problem, where the deadline is running out and just when you hit the send key — noof! The

damndest thing can happen: you lose your work and there goes your assignment, if you weren't smart enough to save it somewhere else in the first place. Teachers, here's your loophole for the pesky students always nagging you for their grade. If you didn't get their assignments graded, you can blame Blackboard too! Tell them there were "technical difficulties" with the server and it wouldn't accept your grading. The students will believe you; they have no other choice. Some of them have been pulling the same shick you're pulling right now for days, weeks, maybe even the whole semester.

But hey, look on the Brightside: we're all getting conned, both by the system and those unscrupulous enough to exploit it. Here's to looking forward to another semester of technical difficulties and unexpected scheduled blackouts from our favorite teaching platform.

Anonymous

The Child Thief Is Peter Pan for Adults?

By Rachael Herbert-Varchetto
Staff Writer

At one point or another, we've all been entertained by the idea of everlasting youth, even everlasting life. We've all certainly heard of Peter Pan, the boy who doesn't grow up and lives in Never Land where he fights the evil Captain Hook and his blood-thirsty crew of pirates. But Peter's not alone, for he has his merry band of Lost Boys to aid him in his fight.

However, there has always been an element of something darker lurking around in the famed children's classic, where little boys are taught to kill mercilessly and enjoy it. Author and artist Brom explored this with his recent novel, "The Child Thief."

"The Child Thief" bares the title character of Peter, an impish boy who can't grow up, but there the similarities start to fade. He lures in children from battered and broken homes, the streets, or even worse conditions, with the promise of a better life on a magical island known as Albion (Avalon). Once there, the children are taken in by Peter's charismatic personality and drive to fight back the flesh eaters, settlers who were once men, but were horribly transformed by the magic of the island into scaly, ugly creatures with black ooze for blood.

The children, now called Devils, are caught up in the fantasy. They follow Peter's every command, hoping for the return of the glorious paradise Albion once was, as well as the rise of the Lady of the Lake, a powerful creature who once ruled before mankind stopped believing in the magic of the old ways. Peter returns to our realm often, for the children are easily slaughtered, and there is always a fresh supply of new recruits waiting to be rescued.

Peter recruits Nick, a runaway almost killed by lackeys of a vicious drug dealer. He follows Peter to the island, hardly believing the strange boy's tale. What he finds is a nightmare, and Nick wants no part of it. Dragged into a battle between children and demonic adults that have raged for centuries, Nick struggles to come to terms with what has happened, and, most of all, must



learn to survive by any means if he is to get back to New York.

Brom's book is fascinating, with believable characters. Though the characters do not need much additional background development, Brom excellently developed their personalities through the action and conversations that evolve through the book. Each character has a distinct voice that is clearly heard, and does not leave the reader wondering at any point why a character has done something that does not fit the character's likely actions and personality.

The characters are not only lush, but the descriptions are well fleshed out. I found it very easy to picture the action of the story, and what the island and beasts looked like. If, however, you find it difficult to picture the settings, the book includes carefully drawn, beautiful pictures that enhance the story.

As is intended, there is a sense of menace in the book, not only from the villainous flesh eaters, but from the island's inhabitants as well. What shocked me most about this book was the complete disregard the Lady of the Lake had for sacrifices Peter's Devils made on her behalf. Over many centuries, Peter had brought countless children to the island to fight for her, to save her kingdom, and she views them as little more than mindless distractions for Peter, evidenced when she refuses to heal the one person who has been trying to shout reason into Peter's ears.

A major flaw in this book is

that some of the back-story was lacking in places and could have been developed more. Certainly Brom could have given more detail to the background of some of the characters. But he allows the readers to fill in the details with their imagination, which can be nice, but frustrating at times.

Overall, the book is a fast read, and though it is thick with pages, the print size is larger than most novels. The characters are fairly well developed, and Brom has a good sense of how to manipulate the reader's emotions. There was not a single instance when I felt I was being dragged by the nose to get through this book; it's quick and packs a real punch.

Be warned however, though this story is about children, it is certainly not for them. The text is populated by graphic violence, language, and suggestive themes of sex and sexual abuse. Drug use, gang violence, and their effects on children are discussed briefly, leading to the reasons for why many of the Devil's followed the imp in the first place. The ending is satisfying, but very bitersweet, and leaves few loose ends.

While this book may not seem your cup of tea, I suggest that you give it a try. I was interested from the moment I heard about it, but after I started reading "The Child Thief," I had a few doubts, due to the themes and violence Brom addresses. But pushing through my hesitation, I found I enjoyed it very much and hope to see more from this promising author.

Them Crooked Vultures definition of "Rock Super Group"



By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

If you're a fan of straight-up awesome rock music then you are going to love Them Crooked Vultures. This new band, which has just released its debut self-titled album, is comprised of drummer Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters), lead guitarist and vocalist Josh Homme (Queens of the Stone Age), and bassist John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin).

When looking up "Rock Super-Group" in the dictionary, you would most definitely see a picture of these three men jammin' out. The band has an interesting mix of musical sounds brought to the table by each member's background.

Jones is a master instrumentalist, playing four-, six-, and eight-string basses, as well as the mandolin, keyboards, and keytar. Grohl brings the power and harmonies while Homme nails the melodies and shredding guitar.

Two tracks that stuck in my head after listening were "Elephants," which has a great riff that sets the song into a fast paced rock jam, and "Scumbag Blues," which is very "Creamy," if you know what I mean (It has the same feel as Strange Brew). It's hard to pick just two songs to mention because the whole album is full of great tunes. If you appreciate music at all you will definitely give this album a listen to. I give "Them Crooked Vultures" an 8.5 out of 10.

Top 5 1980s Tunes, Notable Mentions

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

Top 5

1. **Beat It**, Written by Michael Jackson and co-produced by Quincy Jones, this song was the third single from the album *Thriller*. Eddie Van Halen plays the song's distinctive overdriven guitar solo. The song was certified platinum in 1989 and helped propel *Thriller* to become the number one selling album of all time.

2. **Live on a Prayer**, Jon Bon Jovi actually didn't like the original recording of this song. Though band members convinced him it was a great song and after being reworked it was included on the 1986 release of *Slippery When Wet*.

3. **Don't Stop Believing**, considered to be Journey's signature song, this power ballad is known for its lyrics and distinctive chorused piano introduction, which is described as "one of the best opening keyboard riffs in rock."

4. **Every Breath You Take**, Written by Sting of The Police for their 1983 album *Synchronicity*. Sting won "Song of the Year" and "Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals" at the 1984 Grammy Awards.

5. **You Make My Dreams Come True**, Written by Hall and Oates for their 1980 album *Voices*. A "feel good" song that has been featured on TV shows *The Office*, *Cupid*, and *Glee*, as well as the movies *Step Brothers* and *The Wedding Singer*.

Notable Mentions

• **You're The Best**, It's the awesome song from the movie *The Karate Kid*. Written by Joe Esposito. Was originally intended for the *Rocky III* Soundtrack but was replaced by *Eye of the Tiger*.

• **The Final Countdown**, The hit single by the band Europe. Was in their third album *The Final Countdown* in 1986. It reached Number one in 26 countries including The United Kingdom.

• **Mr. Roboto**, Performed by the band Styx on their 1983 concept album *Kilroy Was Here*. This is one of Styx's most popular songs. Sweet Song.

• **Eye of the Tiger**, Performed by the band Survivor in its 1982 album *Eye of the Tiger*. Reached number one on U.K., Irish, and Australian Charts. Was used by request of Sylvester Stallone in the movie *Rocky III*. This song has been used countless times in games, movies, television shows, and many other occasions.

Fourth Kind Will Make you Think, be Scared

By Katie Gonzalez
Staff Writer

When you are a kid there are many things that scare you. Monsters under the bed, monsters in your closet, and you're afraid of the dark. As you move into adulthood your fears become a bit different. Aliens.

Aliens are cool to hear about and cool to read about, but what if they are real? Sit down and think. What if you actually saw a spaceship hover over someone's house? A beam of light comes out of the bottom of the spaceship and you see a figure float up out of the house and into the ship. Someone has just been abducted.

"Fourth Kind" is a documentary of a real-life experience. A psychologist named Abigail Tyler has had contact with patients who have claimed to be seeing white owls staring at them through the window when they are sleeping. As days go by the owl disappears and they begin to be terrorized by something that is entering their house but there is no memory of what that something is. Abigail has been hypnotizing two of her patients to find more details of what is happening. However, each time a patient is hypnotized, something terrible occurs.



What is the fourth kind? When sighting a UFO, that is the first kind. When evidence is collected, that is the second kind. When contact is made, that is the third kind. And lastly, when you are abducted, that is the fourth kind. Being abducted is the worst thing that could ever happen.

Each patient of Dr. Tyler has explained that there is nothing as terrible. It is the most terrifying happening in your life and has

tortured each and every patient. Dr. Tyler has experienced her daughter being taken and now to this day her daughter has never been seen again.

Fourth kind will make you think, will make you scared of what can happen, and will make you shiver at the thoughts of what terrible things make each patient so terrified. In the end what you decide is based on what you choose to believe.

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PNC Students Develop Computer System for Salvation Army

Westville - Purdue University North Central students in the Computer & Information Technology program took on a challenge to apply their Information Technology skills to assist the Porter County Salvation Army.

Students John Stratka and Joshua Sutton, are in the "Topics in Information Systems and Technology" senior capstone course, taught by Mark Smith, associate professor of Computer & Information Technology and department chair.

Their challenge was to develop a new computer system for the Porter County Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Salvation Army Major Jon Welch explained that the Angel Tree is a holiday donation program that provides families in need with food, clothing, and children's gifts for the holidays. In Porter County, 530 families and more than 1,000 children were assisted last year. The number is expected to grow to substantially this year.

This vital program became very labor intensive because information had to be handled and filed manually, the computer program had a tendency to crash. Thus, things "took forever," Welch said.

Stratka and Sutton took on what they considered to be an ideal service learning project for them - developing and implementing a computer system that would serve the Angel Tree program. It had to be versatile enough to handle a data base, store information, generate letters, create tags, incorporate

graphics, generate reports and be flexible enough to grow and adapt to the Angel Tree's needs as needed.

"After meeting with the Salvation Army personnel handling the program and listening to what they hoped to achieve, we analyzed what needed to be done," explained Stratka. "We did our research, we reasoned things out. Then we designed a program."

According to Smith, the students used many of the skills they acquired in their PNC classrooms: database design and implementation, object-oriented application and SQL programming, networking, project management and communication with project stakeholders.

"It was challenging," Stratka admitted. "But it gave me some real-world challenges and I was able to use the knowledge I learned in class and see the results."

Everyone involved with the project acknowledged that some challenges popped up along the way, but Stratka, Sutton and Smith together found a way to make things work.

"It was the optimal learning experience," said Stratka. "To create a system that actually has an impact on people was amazing."

Welch said that the Salvation Army personnel who used the computers were thrilled with the new system. In fact, when it was implemented, the users were so thrilled that hugs of happiness were exchanged.

According to Smith, the lessons learned include the impor-

ance of understanding the requirements of the project and goals of the stakeholders, being open to new technology solutions that have not been previously experienced and being prepared for the hard work it takes to implement a project like this.

As with any new computer system, some bugs were discovered and the students and Smith worked to correct those. And even though Stratka and Sutton will graduate in December, PNC will continue to be a resource to the Salvation Army working on the computer system.

Experiences like this directly relate to the types of jobs students will ultimately pursue as computer software engineers (applications), computer systems analysts and computer support specialists. The 2009 Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs List and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics note that these are high-wage, growth occupations.

Today, the Salvation Army is using the system designed by the PNC students to collect and sort its Angel Tree information for the 2009 holidays. Children in need of gifts that include warm clothing and gifts to enjoy will have their information printed on tags that will be hung on trees that will be featured in area banks, stores, restaurants and places of business. People willing to purchase items for the children may take a tag and return the gifts with the tag attached, to be given to the child.

Information about the Angel Tree program may be obtained by contacting the Porter County Salvation Army at 219-762-9191.

DLG Raises Money for Needy Families During the Holidays

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

The Dean's Leadership Group is putting on a Thanksgiving Food Drive until November 18th. Donations may be provided to the Dean of Students Office, the vending room in Swartz building, and outside the Admissions office in the Technology building. Paper turkeys are being sold for 50 cents. Donations will be used for the purchase of turkeys for families in need. Twelve PNC families have been qualified to receive the donations. Additional donations will be accepted through November 18th and can be dropped off at the Office of Student Activities in LSF 78.

"We are also taking cash donations. We have received a \$100 donation from a member of

Purdue Porter County," DLG member Ryan Crowder said.

So far, twenty turkeys have been sold at \$11.05 each reaching a total of \$221. Those turkeys will be delivered on November 23rd. DLG is hoping to reach a total of \$280 for sold turkeys. Extra money will be used to purchase canned goods for the families. Currently, DLG has seen five boxes in canned good donations. Purdue Porter County is also contributing and taking your donations.

DLG member Erin Weber commented, "The food drive will help put food on the tables of PNC families who are in need this holiday season."

We will update numbers and statistics once the drive is finished. Happy Thanksgiving!

Rock Paper Scissor Tournery Raises Money for SGA

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 26, the first official Rock Paper Scissors Tournament of Purdue North Central was held. The Student Government Association sponsored the tournament.

There were about 23 people present for the event. A variety of ages and majors were involved and everyone had a great time. All participants had entered the tournament the previous week, paying \$2 in exchange for the chance to win a prize of the participant's choosing. The grand prize could be almost anything the winner wanted with a \$20 limit. The options included DVDs, CDs, food, books, Movie tickets, and much more.

It was a double elimination style tournament, which means that even if a player lost one round, her or she could play a second time for the grand prize. Throughout the adrenaline-fueled action there was a soundtrack of intense 80's tunes being played

for everyone to enjoy.

At the end of it all, the victor, Alex Bales, was crowned. From the beginning of the tournery to his last opponent Alex vanquished all and he found himself on his Plateau of Triumph. For his grand prize Alex chose Ron Paul's new book, "End The Fed." Jacob Havner won second place, for which he received a handshake.

This tournament was meant to be a fundraiser for the student government's scholarship fund, but it was also a great social event for PNC students. There will be another Rock Paper Scissors Tournament during spring semester, along with many other events that are aimed at giving the students here something fun to do. Everyone who was at the RPS Tournery looks forward to the next one and we hope to see many new faces next time.

Enrollment Numbers Show Shift

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

The average age for PNC's campus today is 23, showing that the campus is getting younger by the year. The 2009 academic school year reflects this in a decrease in the number of non-traditional students, those 24-years old or older, enrolled at PNC.

According to Michael Ramian, senior enrollment recruiter, last year, the numbers sat at 1,603, or 38 percent, non-traditional students, out of a total student population of 4,142. This year, the number is 1,630 non-traditional, out of 4,379, or 37 percent.

In addition, this younger student population is taking more credit hours. This is in large part due to the out-of-state agreement with the state of Michigan. With the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP), Michigan residents pay 125% of PNC in-state tuition, rather than the full out-of-state costs.

Ramian cited hard work and newly added degree programs for the continued growth in enrollment. Recruiters traveled to more than 60 high schools in the northwest Indiana area as well as Michigan during the spring and fall, and new degrees in such areas as mechanical engineering, human resources, secondary education, and the bachelor's in social work come on stream at PNC in the spring of 2010.

Financial aid applications are also up this year. The financial aid office issues 1,500 verifications, of which 1,100 were completed for FAFSA.



By Jacob Havner
Staff Writer

Monday, Nov. 9, gave rise to an excellent celebration of Spanish heritage on campus. "Taste of Hispanic America" took place in LSF 144 from noon - 1 p.m.

There was no shortage of food as the walls were lined with tables full of food that represented individual Spanish countries. The Spanish students provided the food, served by the professors, and it was free to all who came to the event. The tables were constantly packed with students enjoying the food as well as the Spanish music was playing for all to hear.

This was a fantastic way to sample some food that you may not normally try, as well as enjoy the company of those around you. Always a favorite on campus, I think that it's safe to say many for years to come will enjoy this event.



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World News

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CDC urges Not to be Alarmed by Swine Flu

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

On the Oct. 22, the Indiana Department of Health released that only two percent of the people who tested positive for influenza in the state did not have the Swine Flu. That means that 98 percent of those sick with the flu had the H1N1 virus.

The regular seasonal influenza does not appear to be present in this area. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) go so far as to state that "almost all of the influenza viruses identified so far continue to be 2009 H1N1 influenza A viruses." That applies nationwide.

However, there does not seem to be much cause for alarm. The CDC points out that the Swine Flu virus "range[s] from mild to severe," and that "most people with 2009 H1N1 have had mild illness and have not needed medical care or antiviral drugs." It appears that the less severe variations of the virus are what are running rampant.

With the news raging on about an epidemic, it is important to understand what the Swine Flu actually is. According to the CDC, the H1N1 virus became known as the "Swine Flu" once it was shown that the genes of H1N1 are quite similar to those found in the influenza that afflicts

North American pigs. However, it has since been discovered that the virus affecting humans has unique dissimilarities. The CDC explains, "it has two genes from flu viruses that normally circulate in pigs in Europe and Asia and bird (avian) genes and human genes. Scientists call this a 'quadruple reassortant' virus." Approximately 1,000 people have died since the discovery of the H1N1 virus back in April; however, the Post Tribune attributes the deaths of 36,000 Americans each year to the seasonal flu. Symptoms of the H1N1 virus include normal seasonal flu symptoms. As the Post Tribune pointed out on Oct. 31, 2009, there is no such thing as a 24-hour flu, so symptoms must persist for one to be infected with the virus.

To stay healthy and avoid falling prey to the Swine Flu, everyone should pay specific attention to his or her diet, exercise programs, and sanitary habits. The influenza virus can infect anyone when he or she touches something that has been infected. The infected object can stay infected with the live virus for up to eight hours. Students should be mindful of the hand sanitizer located all over campus, in washrooms, offices, computer labs, etc.

The H1N1 virus is highly

contagious and those who exhibit symptoms are advised to stay home and avoid contact with others. It is suggested that an infected person stay home a minimum of 24 hours after the fever has departed. The CDC guesstimates that people with the flu are contagious from the day before symptoms appear through the next five to seven days.

Lastly, there is the talk of the Swine Flu vaccine. Though knowing that most cases are mild and that there are antiviral drugs to treat patients with the more severe H1N1 virus, people are still lining up and fighting to get inoculated. Those who religiously get the flu shot each year should be aware that the Canadian government has stopped administering the seasonal flu shot to any person under the age of 65 due to the results of a recent study that indicates those who have received the shot are twice as susceptible to the H1N1 virus. The Irish Independent released this knowledge to the public, and goes on to state that the researcher R. Edgar Hope Simpson proposed the link between the seasonal flu and vitamin D deficiency. The vitamin that humans receive from sunlight may be key to keeping people flu free this season.

The World As We Know It: *Weird News from around the Country*

Compiled by Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

BRISBANE, Australia— Washing a car is very wet business. It is not uncommon to see someone getting the job done in a bathing suit. Some gutter minds may even have the thought of washing a car sans clothing. Taking it to the extreme, four Australian men decided to utilize a car wash without their clothes and without their cars. The men stripped off their clothing and soaped up as their female comrades shot pictures of the merriment. Police arrested the naked troop for indecent exposure and being a public nuisance. The public was then strictly warned against attempting their own performance because, after all, the pressure washer is dangerous and not a toy.

DUBLIN— Ever gone on vacation and had the anxiety of your house being broken into and your valuables stolen? How about the fear of having your house stolen? Incredibly, a 61-year-old filmmaker from Northern Ireland, Neville Prescho, returned to Troy Island only to find his house had vanished. He was the owner of a beautiful six-bedroom stone home built in the 19th century. While spending an extended vacation with his family in New Zealand, Prescho rushed home once local authorities alerted him to the fact that his property had undergone some mysterious damage. Expecting to find a seriously inflicted home, Prescho was apprehensive when he could not find his home at all. There where his home had once rested on the harbor was a leveled out parking lot for the newly built 12-room hotel developed by Patrick Doohan. Allegedly, Prescho's house went aflame, and an unknown person or group removed the shell and debris that remained. The High Court Justice ruled deliberate arson, but was unable to determine who initiated the fire and, therefore, who was responsible financially. However, he did grant Prescho \$69,000 from Doohan for turning his land into a parking lot.

GOLDSBORO, N.C.— The local Rosewood Middle School had been in engrossed in brainstorming ways to make money considering last years sale of chocolate had failed miserably. Their solution: Sell grades. For the nominal price of \$20, students can buy 20

test points to raise their grade. The points were agreed to be distributed between two test scores at 10 points apiece. The impact is believed to be small in the long run, however, 10 points is enough to raise a test score one letter grade.

HAMILTON, Ohio— An eighth grade teenager, Dustin Reader, has been suspended from his school due to showing too much football pride. Apparently, Reader was so impressed with the 6-2 record of his favorite team, the Cincinnati Bengals, that he went to his barber and had stripes and a big "B" buzzed into the back of his head. His parents supported him while school officials stated the extreme hairstyle was distracting and therefore against the school's code of conduct. The school suspended the young student until either his hair grows back or he changes the style.

LONDON— "America's Dumbest Criminals" should not limit itself to America. Investigating a house burglary, the South Wales police gave the local newspaper a mug shot of a yet to be apprehended suspect, Matthew Maynard. The 23-year old was unhappy with the picture published and in response sent a better photo of him to the paper. The South Wales Evening Post immediately posted said photo on the front page so that the entire community may know whom exactly the police are in search of.

TAMPA, Fla.— A 900- number does not include 911. This appears to be news to 29-year old Joshua Basso. Apparently, starved for some sexual relations, Basso found himself without a woman to fill his appetite and no minutes on his cell phone to try to call one. Thus, he dialed the only free call he could make: one to the 911 call center. A female dispatcher claims Basso asked if he could go to her house, whereupon she responded by disconnecting him. Not to be deterred, Basso called back a number of four more times before the police showed up at his door to arrest him on the basis of making false 911 calls. At that time Basso claimed he was unaware that false calls were an illegal offense.

Rejecting the Referendum May Not Be Enough

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

On Nov. 3, Porter and St. Joseph counties held an election for the tax issue proposed by the Regional Development Authority (RDA). County folk voted on whether or not they wanted to give a four-county district known as the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) power to rule over Porter, St. Joseph, Lake and Laporte counties.

The RTA would be able to establish an income tax of up to 0.25 percent. The tax was sug-

gested to provide a public rail and bus system for those who wish to venture into Chicago. Porter County roared a loud "NO!" with an outcome of 4-1. The county of St. Joseph had a slightly louder voice with more negative beliefs.

The only groups unable to vote were Lake and Laporte counties. These counties felt the costs of holding a special election in an off year were too great to see the referendum issue taken on. The two counties plan on offering the issue before their cit-

izens in the May elections.

However, the issue may not make it before the last two counties. To push for the regional Transportation Authority, the RDA may attempt to swing state legislators to its way of thinking. Indiana legislators can override the public vote and legislate the four-county transportation district. This allows for its creation and ability to tax residents regardless of their desires. We may have seen the rejection of the RTA and the new tax, but it may still be imposed upon us.

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New Venue, New Results For PNC Basketball

By Jesse Cartagena
Staff Writer

New faces and a new venue are leading some new, and better results for the PNC Basketball team, they stand at 2-2 so far this season. Their next home game is Saturday November 21 at 2 pm in the LaPorte Civic Auditorium.

PNC traveled to Richmond, IN and lost to two nationally ranked opponents. Game one, they lost 95-65 to Indiana University Southeast. The following day, PNC lost a nail biter to Indiana University East, 80-74.

These two losses followed two victories as PNC won opening night against Indiana University South Bend, 79-75. Junior transfer (Kalamazoo Junior College) Ryan Sisson tied sophomore Jordan Delks for a game high 22 points. Delks who transferred from Anderson University also made of four of five shots from three point range.

The biggest victory of the year so far came when PNC stomped on Andrews University 64-38. Sisson again led the way, scoring 19 points and drained 10 of 11 free throw attempts. Junior Derrick Hazelwood nailed every shot he took from the floor. Hazelwood, another transfer came from Parkland Community College in Illinois.

Sisson and senior Jean-Francois Ndomb led the way with 17 and 16 points respectively in the loss to IU Southeast. The big difference in the game was the difference in three pointers, IU Southeast drained 13 of 36 from downtown while PNC shot a low 2 of 12.

"The big surprise so far this season was red shirt freshman Alphonse Futch," comments Head Coach Kris Schnatz when talking about his team's six point loss to nationally ranked Indiana University East. While Sisson did the majority of the scoring again with 20 points, Futch came off the bench and filled in for Hazelwood who was in foul trouble. Futch had an immediate impact, in only 25 minutes, Futch drained 5 of 7 from the floor, added 8 rebounds, and finished the night with 16 points. Foul trouble also hurt Delks, Ndomb, and senior Ryan Chambers, each committed 5 fouls in the game.

So far things are going to plan according to Schnatz, "We figured the transfers (Sisson and Hazelwood) would step up and they have so far."

Despite winning only 4 games last year Coach Schnatz remains optimistic on his teams

goals for the coming season, "Overall we want to finish .500 in non-conference games, and middle of the pack in the conference, each game we will compete to win."

The Panthers return two of three leading scorers from last year, senior forward JF Ndomb (14ppg) and junior guard DJ Green (13 ppg). Green believes more effort both on and off the court will help PNC this year.

"More dedication and more devotion both on and off the court is going to get us better results-guys getting it done in the classroom too."

The Panthers have 3 players from each class. The three freshman players are DJ Anderson from Portage, Alphonse Futch from Indianapolis and Travis Zippel from LaCrosse.

The Panthers have already achieved some team unity by staying active in the community. On August 19th eight members of the squad helped out with the tornado clean-up in Chesterton. In September, 21 members of the Panther Basketball Program joined the Pack-A-Thon in Valparaiso. Earlier this month players hosted a free clinic for children from 3rd to 8th grade.

Major League Lights and Riches Await Lefty Phenom



By Jesse Cartagena
Staff Writer

In his second attempt to defect Cuba, Aroldis Chapman was successful. It probably helped that Chapman was in a tournament in the Netherlands as he departed to the small country of Andorra, a small country in Europe that borders Spain and France. This move now makes him eligible to sign with a major league baseball team.

Chapman's agent Edwin Meija claims, "He's a once in every 40 years player." Obviously it's the sports agents job to make their clients look better than they really are; however, there is undeniable truth behind his claim.

Aroldis Chapman is only 22 years old, but has been clocked at 102 mph. Just how rare is it to find a left-handed pitcher than can throw this hard? Only three southpaws have thrown 100 mph in the history of professional baseball. They are Randy Johnson, Billy Wagner, and Steve Dalkowski.

Johnson who might have one more year left in him at 45 years old is a sure first ballot hall of famer and will likely go down as one of the best pitchers of all time due to his 300+ career wins and second all-time, 4,875 strikeouts. Red Sox reliever, Wagner, is nearing the end of his career as well, but is second among active players in ERA at 2.39. Then there is Steve Dalkowski, who, in the words of Crash Davis, couldn't hit water if he fell out of a boat. In fact, Dalkowski's legend was loosely based on Tim Robbins character, Eddie "Nuke" LaLoosh in the movie Bull Durham. Legend has it that Dalkowski could throw 110 miles per hour, however, Dalkowski never got a

taste of the major leagues, due to his ridiculous lack of control-he had 1354 walks in 995 career innings in the minor leagues. Cal Ripken Sr. who spent over 40 years in professional baseball and saw everyone from Nolan Ryan to Johnson pitch called Dalkowski, the hardest thrower he ever saw. Chapman, pitching for the Cuban National Team in 2008 through 2009 had a 4.03 ERA, led the Serie National with 130 strikeouts, but was 5th with 62 walks and led the league with 14 wild pitches. Chapman has shown some flashes of brilliance along with some flashes of Dalkowski in his young career. However, coming up with the Seattle Mariners, Johnson led the league in walks three years in a row before putting it all together at the age of 29 to win his first Cy Young Award.

Chapman got some attention in March when he pitched for Cuba in the World Baseball Classic. He pitched extremely well against Australia, but struggled against eventual champions, Japan. The fact that he knows his strengths and weaknesses will help convince owners that he is a worthy free-agent, "I feel that I need to improve a bit on my control, but not so in the execution of the pitches," says Chapman.

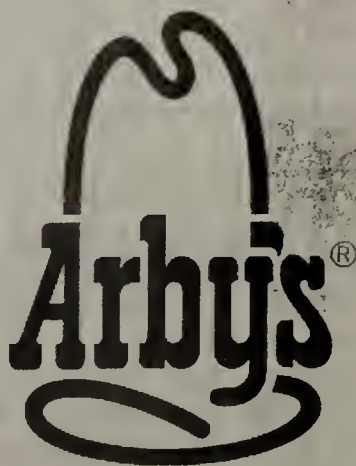
Up to 10 teams have expressed interest in Chapman. The strongest suitor is the Boston Red Sox, who Chapman threw a bullpen session for last month. The Cubs and White Sox are among the teams interested. Basically, it will come to whoever is willing to risk the range of 40 to 60 million Meija is asking for.

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The Change in Thanksgiving

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving, as a major holiday, has it all. It gives almost everyone a day off work or school. It leads to some of the best meals most of us have all year. And it provides football throughout the afternoon.

Here in the Midwest, it is a time when we see some of the most beautiful foliage as well. It is a very important day to many families, but it is hard to ignore the fact that much of its cultural significance involves setting up massive sales the next day in every retail store in the country. It's true, if you have not noticed, Thanksgiving gets very little attention by advertisers and corporations besides the usual food commercial. This is because retailers have worked hard to take attention away from the least commercial holiday in America.

Thanksgiving is a holiday devoted to appreciating what we have. We enjoy large quantities of food, celebrate (or put up with) our family, play games and watch television. Besides the food, it's a pretty basic game plan for the day.

To commercialize Thanksgiving is a difficult task, because a day devoted to giving thanks for what we have does not mix well with the idea that we need more. People celebrate and appreciate what they have got and that's about it.

Unable to commercialize the day itself, retailers developed a genius response: commercializing the next day. By making "The Day After Thanksgiving" a "Retail Holiday," these companies have managed to use Thanksgiving as a marker for the biggest shopping day of the year. Because of this, Thanksgiving for many people has gone from a day of appreciation to a day of preparation for one of the largest consumer events on the calendar.



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Stores have moved up their opening hours from say 9 a.m. to 5 a.m., or even earlier. The advertisements start weeks prior to Thanksgiving, reminding people to check the ads for the huge discounts they can receive for coming in a few hours after the actual day of Thanksgiving. This encourages people to spend their time looking for more things that they want rather than celebrating what they have.

Thanksgiving is still a great holiday, celebrated by most people. Though there is now a dark shadow lingering over it. Instead of families relaxing and enjoying each other's company, they are shuffling through newspaper ads trying to decide where to get their new flat screen television.

Will Thanksgiving ever go back to the way it was for everyone? Most likely no. Once the population gets the mindset that they should gobuy things for themselves because that's what the advertisements say, it's usually down hill from there.

It's the same for Christmas. This winter holiday is all about

the idea you can get people gifts so you feel good about yourself AND get presents in return. People have been led to believe that it's all about getting getting in end. Don't get me wrong. It's a nice thing to give someone a gift and make them feel good and special but we cannot lose sight of what holidays are really intended for.

A holiday is meant to be a day free of work and worry. It is day when people can just relax and be thankful that everyone is in good health and state of mind. Holidays are to be simple. It is when we start attaching too many material things to the day that we begin to forget the real reason we started the holiday.

I hope that this coming Thanksgiving, Christmas, and any other holiday that the readers really think about what that day means to them, their families, and their friends. I ask that you keep the day simple and make sure that you really do relax. The holidays are a special time when everyone should be around his or her loved ones. Appreciate the time you spend with them and give thanks to what you have.

Question of the Month

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?



Tom Smith- Sophomore OLS
Honey ham



Bethany Silcox- Sophomore Business
Stuffing



John Lennon (Alex Bates)- Sophomore
Biology
Sweet potatoes



Megan McGlothlin- Junior Biology
Mashed potatoes



Brock Myers- Sophomore Business
No family fighting

Fashionista discusses new designers, lines

This month a good friend told me it would be interesting to read about an up and coming designer or a designer bio. I immediately thought of my favorite new designer to jewelry, Kristen Amato. It's not just because her last name is similar to mine, however it is kind of cool, but her jewelry is really remarkable. Kristen Amato: If you are looking for sophisticated, trendy earrings, bracelets and necklaces that are also reasonably priced check out the jewelry designed by Kristen Amato.

Kristen Amato has created wonderful jewelry collections under the name K.Amato. The tagline for the company is "every girl should have one." And I really think that every girl should! What's great about K.Amato jewelry is that it's not only beautiful but also affordable.

K.Amato Jewelry: K.Amato Jewelry features 14k gold fill, 18k gold plated and sterling silver embellished with gorgeous stones, Swarovski crystals, geometric pendants and colored glass. Celebrity fans of the K.Amato line include Eva Longoria Parker and Rachael Ray.

Shop K.Amato: Pieces from K.Amato can be purchased at 90 stores worldwide, including Fred Segal and Active Endeavors. You can also buy K.Amato Jewelry online. Every piece in her fashion jewelry collection is under \$100.

Another interesting designer line is Alice and Olivia. The successful company has now launched its shoe and clothing line at Payless Shoe Stores. I have personally checked it all out and got a few trendy pairs of shoes myself. The best part is, it was all



under 70 dollars! They have launched this line to be affordable, trendy fashion for all. Alice + Olivia is a contemporary women's clothing brand designed by founder Stacey Bendet.

Alice + Olivia have grown into 50 million dollar brand including a men's line and a children's line since its launch at Barneys in 2002. The collection is sold in over 800 stores around the globe such as Barneys, Bergdorf Goodman, Neiman Marcus, Scoop, and Harrods. Alice + Olivia has five free standing stores located in New York City, Los Angeles, Malibu, Greenwich, and Southampton.

The collection is worn by many celebrities, such as Kristen Stewart, Ashley Greene, Sarah Jessica Parker, Liv Tyler, Angelina Jolie, Diane Kruger, and Mena Suvari. Designer Stacey Bendet, designs the Alice

+ Olivia women's and kids collections in addition to a shoe collection for Payless. She has been on the Vanity Fair Best Dressed list for two years in a row.

The last bit of info I would like to share is that my favorite store H&M (known worldwide) just signed designer Paris Hilton with a line of stylish, affordable clothing and hand bag selection. Another investment for the company H & M is the shoe design line Jimmy Choo. These shoes are a Hollywood favorite, but can be yours at a reasonable price! Not only is the line for women, but men you can also get a good deal on the latest trends from Hollywood.

Check out H&M.com and Payless.com to see what all you can buy this season for yourself (because you deserve it) or since it is the season for giving...anyone on your holiday list!

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*Concert will be held at 3:00 P.M.

October 4

John Stossel

An Evening with John Stossel

ABC News Correspondent, co-anchor of "20/20" and the author of two national bestsellers, John Stossel poses the questions and obtains the answers for the American people. His topic will focus on the up-to-the-minute issues on peoples' minds.

There will be a book signing following the program.

October 18

Jonathan Rauch

Government in 2020: Bankrupt or Reborn?

Senior writer and columnist for *National Journal* magazine and correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly*, Jonathan Rauch has authored several books and a multitude of articles on public policy, culture and economics. In his uniquely engaging style, he will take the Forum audience into the future for a glimpse of what our government will look like in 2020 and how we will feel the effects of our battle to come back from the economic recession.

There will be a book signing following the program.

November 8

Robert Krulwich

Making Medical Science WONDER-ful

Program Sponsor: Duneland Health Council

Called the most inventive network reporter on television by *T.V. Guide*, Robert Krulwich is expert at explaining complex issues in a style that is clear, compelling and entertaining. Through the use of vivid images and unusual examples (he once explained the structure of DNA using a banana) he captivates his audiences.

December 6

Twyla Tharp

Creativity and Risk Taking

Legendary dancer, choreographer, author, Kennedy Hansas award recipient and Tony Award winner, Twyla Tharp will provide a practical approach to achievement, including turning ideas into products and notions into realities. Explaining lessons learned in the performing arts, her animated presentation, filled with movement, has delighted audiences across the country.

There will be a book signing following the program.

NOTE: All programs will be held at Elston Middle School, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City.

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New SSAC Building Finally being "delivered"

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

Purdue University North Central is progressing further on its path to getting its next new building. To get the story on how progress is coming along, we sat down with Steve Turner, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Facilities. The Student Services and Activities Complex (SSAC) is tentatively to be located just south of the Technology building. The new structure is set to "foster the creation and enhancement of programs and activities to transform the student experience and to facilitate the engagement and development of the regional community" according to the project's mission statement.

"We can't really over stress how important this building is to the future of our campus," Turner said.

"This building will transform the experience of our students on this campus. It moves us to being able to provide a richer and fuller experience... the real campus experience. We know there will be direct benefits to our students," Turner commented on the purpose of the building. "There is very good research to indicate that the kind of experiences [this building will help us offer] retain students, help students develop relationships outside the classroom and become more involved on campus. Students with these kind of relationships are much more likely to stick around and finish [college]."

The building is set to include a full gymnasium, training areas, a new fitness area, game room, student organization offices, along with a new great hall designed to accommodate larger functions.

The project is budgeted at \$34.7 Million. The money is set to come from several sources,

including local development opportunities, student activity fees, state obligations and funding from the state legislature. A barrier at current to the project's funding is that the state budgeting agency has not signed off to release funding on any capital projects in the state for the last two years.

Despite possible budget concerns, the project seems to be on track for construction completion in 2013. Vice Chancellor Turner was quick to remind "The schedule on this project is extremely fluid due to the volatile state of the economy and state budgetary concerns." The project is currently moving into its final design phases, which will run until June of 2010.

"We will be asking for input from the campus community during the design process," Turner remarked regarding the current phase of the buildings development. "We do anticipate that there will be campus forums to share information and report progress." Each area of the building has a focus group liaison, a person with particular experience and knowledge in the concerned area that is helping to direct design recommendations. For example, Keith Peffers, Director of Food Services is in charge of the areas that deal with his department. The design recommendations are then forwarded to the steering committee who must finally balance all the recommendations against the budget and purpose of the building.

The building is due to be US Green Building Council LEED certified in its construction. Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification is based on a point system that places different values on sustainability initiatives that can be taken with new buildings. "It should be the only sec-



FUNCTIONAL ADJACENCY DIAGRAM - FIRST FLOOR

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SITE STUDY - SECOND FLOOR

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ond building that is LEED certified in the Purdue System," Turner noted. The requirements to become a LEED certified structure cover a large range of factors in including site selection, water efficiency, energy efficiency and atmospheric impact, building materials, and indoor air quality. Innovation is also a key factor in garnering certification.

With all the good news, there is of course some bad news. "One of the things that we had hoped to be able to accommodate, which we will be unable to fund was the inclusion of a fixed seat, dedicated auditorium. Many institutions of our size when they build a structure like this would include a field house. Those two

functional areas were in the mix until we came into the preliminary budget rounds and we just could not afford it," lamented Turner.

Vice Chancellor Turner said of the building. "We've been pregnant a long time... we've been expecting. It's time to deliver this baby."

Meet Your Peers Stephanie Kuziela a PNC Success

Each issue The Voice would like to recognize a stellar student who is making a difference both here at PNC and elsewhere.

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer
Name: Stephanie Kuziela
Major: Business Management
Year: Senior

Students who utilize the benefits of the writing center may likely know student employee Stephanie Kuziela. For those who do not, it is possible to find her with her boyfriend at the Michigan City movie theater where she spends the majority of her free time. Of course, that isn't very much time. Stephanie actually works full time as an administrative assistant to the town manager in Chesterton. She explains that the town manager is a lot like a mayor, only differing in the fact that the person is simply hired by the town officials and not voted in by the population.

Though Stephanie chose PNC because of the locality and affordability, she says what she enjoys the most happens to be the instructors. She claims her classes have been taught by "professors [who] are very knowledgeable and are willing to help you if you ask." The interpersonal, networking, and basic job skills learned in some of her classes have helped

Stephanie succeed in her career thus far. Great instructors have shown her how to be a truly good manager.

Students may run into the senior on campus next year, as she plans to finish her education with a master's from PNC's MBA program. Though it may sometimes be a struggle to balance school life with a working life, Stephanie pushes on with an impressive drive. It is her thought that "anything is attainable if you want it enough... My motto is [that] character is what you have when no one else is watching."



KDP has winning tree in annual tree decorating contest.

Questions? Comments? Submissions?
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Commentary

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Editor asks the question: "Am I the Grinch?"



By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

Am I the Grinch? What has happened to me? Has the fun of Christmas as a child running down the stairs to see the piles of presents under the tree disappeared into something totally opposite?

I believe my happiness at the holidays has shifted from Santa and Christmas gifts to Jesus and love because I am old enough now to know the real meaning of the holiday. I do not just look for gifts anymore, but I analyze how people react to the season. People are miraculously happy during these winter months. I wonder why?

The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally the biggest shopping day of the year, due to all the sales and Christmas hoopla. Everyone wakes up early to shoot out to the stores, grab the things they need, battling lines to get to the merchandise first. Wow. Is this what the holidays are really about—grabbing the item before someone else can, the race to get the deal?

During this time of the year schools and businesses donate more than ever to families in need. The thought is nice, and I believe that is what Christmas is for. But why is there more giving now than at any other time of the year? Is it some unwritten rule

that this is the time to step up? Families seem to fight more than ever at Christmas. Suicides are at their highest levels because of the stresses, pressures, and loneliness put on people. Families gather together for the holidays simply because they have to. I know schedules are busy, but is it a must to gather on these days? Where is the communication throughout the rest of the year?

My final criticism of the holidays as to do with the expressions of greeting we are permitted to use. Some restaurants now have a policy that instructs employees not say "Merry Christmas" to guests; they must say "Happy Holidays." Wait a second; isn't December 25th Christ's birthday? Wasn't that the purpose of the holiday? The question remains, why is society eliminating a traditional greeting to avoid offending someone? I would hope that on my birthday people would continue to say "happy birthday" and not resort to "happy holiday."

Yes, this editorial is a negative rant on something positive. I may be seen as the Grinch. I may not decorate Christmas trees (or holiday trees, as I have heard them now called), and I may not make trips to see Santa. However, for me, the old tradition remains. It is Christmas I will celebrate, not the 'holidays.'

Dear Santa, Writer asks for the "biggest Christmas gift since birth"

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

I'd like to request a Christmas gift. Officially, the biggest Christmas gift I've asked for probably since I've been alive. It's a gift that one person can grant, but requires a little work on the part of everyone at Purdue University North Central.

I would like to see PNC sign the American College & University President's Climate Commitment. The power to do so lies with Chancellor Dworkin, and no doubt negotiation with any number of other people at our University, but ultimately he's the gentleman that has to put his name on the dotted line. It's a big gift to ask for, but as PNC starts to take on initiatives to reduce its environmental footprint it would provide us a series of goals, and the oversight, transparency and a support group of organizations dedicated to helping us reach those goals.

We have the opportunity to be a leader in the pack. Right before us is the ability to become the first university in Northwest Indiana and the first university in the Purdue System to make a commitment of this kind. As a commuter campus, we might think that we can't play with the big boys, or that if something isn't successful it might have something to do with that word "commuter." I don't believe that and I don't think it's something we need to continue.

I think we can take this opportunity to embrace meeting hard challenges and goals. I think we can enter into this challenge not knowing exactly how we will get there, but with the resources and determination to make it. I think this is an opportunity to step outside the bounds of what a "commuter campus" is and work



together toward a common goal. I think this is a chance for us to do something that will serve as an example to others. I think this is our chance to "be the change you want to see in the world."

It would require some new things and it would require us to simply continue some things we are already doing: Ramping up our recycling program and building LEED certified green buildings are things we already intend to do or have done. Looking into all of the operations of the university and assessing their impact is already on the table. It would require some new things. We would have to initiate procedures to reduce our waste in a lot of ways, and that would take some learning. We would have to find energy that was produced by renewable resources, something NIPSCO currently stands in the way of. It would take some innovative solutions.

The good news is that we wouldn't be alone. Some 662 institutions are already on board,

including Ball State and nearby Goshen College. Those institutions form a base of knowledge that we can use to learn methods, create solutions, and share in our successes. In addition, the agency that oversees the agreement provides access to a whole network of helpful organizations that do nothing but provide environmentally conscious solutions. These goals are obtainable.

I once heard Dr. Brady say "We got a man to the moon. The rest of this isn't that complicated; we just have to decide we want to do it." He wasn't talking about this challenge in particular, but it is a statement that applies and I think he's right. We can do this if we want to. We can do this if we have to. We can rise to the challenges of the world.

Chancellor Dworkin, I invite you to guide PNC in taking on this challenge. We're capable; we just need to decide to do it.

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Top 10 Christmas Flicks

By Taylor Coleman
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Staff Writers

1. "Jingle All the Way" - This movie is just plain great family entertainment. It came out in 1996 and stars Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad. Schwarzenegger is a businessman who always ends up putting work ahead of family. After missing his son, Jaime's, big karate class one night, he promises to make it up to him by getting him the hit toy of the season, the Turbo Man action figure.

As usual, he forgets about the gift until the day before Christmas, and now has to go on a wacky adventure around the city to find this rare toy. The film is filled with zany chase sequences, insane parents and reindeer fight scenes. In the end, the film shows the viewer that it is not the gifts you give that are important, but just that you show that you care.

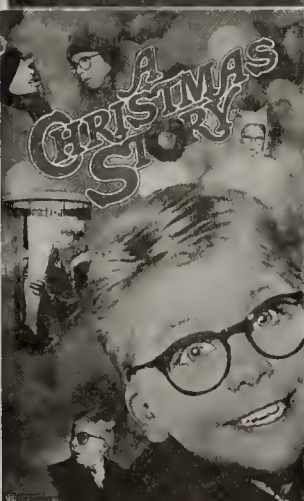
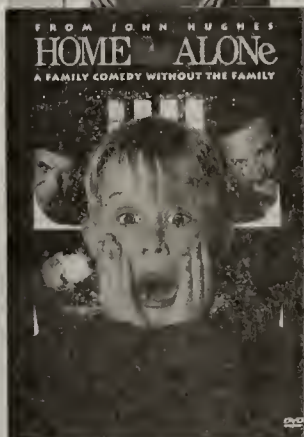
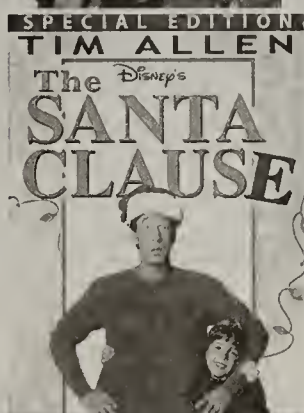
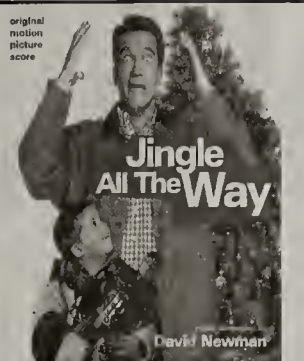
It is one of our favorite movies and I'm sure it's high up on the list of anyone who has seen it as well. This is also the last comedy to date that Arnold Schwarzenegger has starred in. He obviously wanted to end on a high note.

2. "The Santa Clause" - Released in 1994, this movie stars the comedian Tim Allen. Allen is a businessman who has his young son Charlie over for the night on Christmas Eve. In the middle of the night, they hear a clatter from the roof and go to check from outside. It is there that they see Santa fall from the top of the house and evaporate into magic leaving his suit in the snow. Allen, who is in his boxers, puts on Santa's suit to stay warm while he and Charlie investigate the twelve reindeer and sleigh on the roof.

Through another series of whacky events we find out that Allen, who by putting on the suit, is now the new Santa Claus. The movie teaches us that sometimes people just need something to believe in. In the film we see sleighs with rocket engines, elves with jet packs, and much more!

3. "Home Alone" - Starring child actor Macaulay Culkin, this movie was released in 1990. Culkin plays Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old genius of a boy who is mistakenly left home by his family when they leave to Paris for Christmas. At first Kevin celebrates the fact that his family has "disappeared," but soon comes to realize that all he really wants for Christmas is to be with his family again.

Kevin is a very smart kid and seems to be well off while his parents are "gone," but the main problem of the movie comes when a pair of burglars comes to town and threatens the well being of Kevin and his home. It's a good thing Kevin has a blueprinted plan of booby traps to set up around the house, and they do a great job at teaching those goons a "pain-full" lesson. Culkin plays a very smart yet innocent kid in the movie and teaches the viewer that the most important part of Christmas is being with your loved ones. "Home Alone" is the highest grossing live action comedy of all time in the United States.



4. "A Christmas Story" - This film is an American/Canadian comedy that was released in 1983. It is based on the short stories and semi-fictional anecdotes

of author Jean Shepherd. The movie does a great job at showing what is really going through a nine-year-old's head during the Christmas season. It takes place in a town based on Hammond, Indiana. The film is a holiday classic, and, on Christmas, is usually played on TBS for 24 hours straight.

5. "Christmas Vacation" - Released in 1989, this was the third installment of the "National Lampoon's Vacation Films." The movie stars hilarious Chevy Chase, who plays the overly excited father of the Griswold family. In a way, this movie does what "A Christmas Story" does. It shows what the everyday family is like around the Christmas season. Though it does this in the most outrageous exaggerated way. This movie was #1 on the Box offices and is considered a Christmas Classic.

6. "How The Grinch Stole Christmas!" - This is actually an animated television special, but it is so famous that it deserves a spot on the list. This special premiered in 1966 and is based on the children's book of the same title, by Dr. Seuss. It runs less than an hour and is one of the very few Christmas specials still shown on regularly on television.

7. "Home Alone 2" - The 1992 sequel to 1990's "Home Alone." The bulk of this movie takes place in New York City. The plot is has been tweaked in many aspects but the main problem with the fist film remains. Kevin must set up a labyrinth of booby traps to fight of "The Sticky Bandits." This film was the second most successful of 1992, losing to "Aladdin," but beating "Batman Returns."

8. "A Muppet Christmas Carol" - Released in 1992, it is the fourth feature film to star The Muppets. It is one of the many adaptations of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." In our opinion, it is the best version.

9. "It's A Wonderful Life" - This American drama was released in 1946 and is loosely based on the short story "The Greatest Gift." It is the movie that asks the question, "I wonder what life would be like for people if I had never been born?" It was nominated for 5 Oscars, but did not win any, though it has been recognized by the American Film Institute as one of the Best American Films ever made. It was also number one on their list of the most inspirational American films of all time. It is definitely a Christmas Classic.

10. "Miracle on 34th Street" - Released in 1947, this film is centered around a department store Santa and the question, "Is he the real thing or not." The film won Academy Awards for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, Best Writing (Original Story), and Best Writing (Screenplay). It was also nominated for Best Picture, but lost to Gentleman's Agreement.

The "Book of Useless Information" Useful

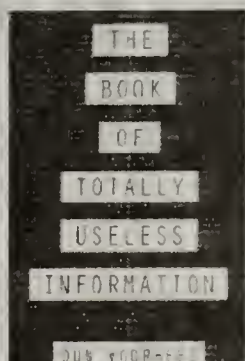
By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

The title of "The Book of Totally Useless Information," by Dan Voorhees, may discourage readers, but the book is not dull in the least. It is filled with 189 pages of information that, when relayed in personal conversation, may baffle listeners.

The book's biggest draw is that the sections are not that long. One can learn the reason why cashews are never sold in the shell, even though most nuts can be. In under a minute, a reader will learn that the cashew is in the same biological family as poison ivy. Its shell is surrounded by oil that irritates the skin enough to cause blisters.

Voorhees is a self-proclaimed trivial pursuit master. An avid reader and viewer of PBS specials, he knows a little bit about everything. He dispenses his knowledge to readers in little tidbits that are easily imbibed. Though not a book to be read cover to cover in one sitting, it should be a staple in everyone's personal library to be picked up whenever the mood strikes.

It is a wonderful tag-along of light reading for trips to the dentist, doctor, hairdresser, and any appointment that requires a waiting room. Why is soda sold in six-packs? Why is a piggy bank a pig shape? What is the meaning of the term "posh"? Why do pregnant women crave pickles? If you don't know the answers to these questions, turn to Voorhees. He



gives explanations for these and more.

"The Book of Totally Useless Information" is only one in a list of similar books by Voorhees. However, it is one of his first, copyrighted the same year as "Thoughts For The Throne: The Ultimate Bathroom Book of Useless Information." The book was succeeded with "Why Does Popcorn Pop?" in 2001, "Quickies: Fascinating Facts About the Facts of Life" in 2005, "Why Do Donuts Have Holes?" also in 2005, and the most recent "Disgusting Things: A Miscellany" published in 2008. The last and most recent answers repulsive questions such as "how long does the human head remain conscious after decapitation?" Whatever interests you most, Voorhees has an answer for you, each book featuring trivia in small doses.

Rockin' album has all the Jams, Rhymes



By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

Artist: The Black Keys
Album: Blakroc

In the world of Rap-Rock there have been highs and lows. There have been legends of the trade such as The Beastie Boys and Run DMC, but there have also been bands that I won't bother to mention. I am happy to say that just recently The Black Keys, with the collaboration of rappers from around the country, have put out the newest addition to the great Rap-Rock albums collection. The Black Keys, known for their old school garage rock and roll, have changed the pace to co-produced and record with rap artists including: Mos Def, RZA, Ludacris, Q-Tip, and Raekwon. This project is being headed by major hip-hop producer Damon Dash, co-founder of Rock-A-Fella Records. This album is Rockin' and definitely has the jams and rhymes that one would associate with the rappers involved. I give "Blakroc" a 7 out of 10 based on the unique criteria of the genre.

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PNC Clubs, Community Members donate to Salvation Army Angel Tree

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

The Dean's Leadership Group and Student Government have created the Salvation Army Angel Tree located in the Dean of Students Office. Under the direction of Vicki Burge, the Coordinator at the Salvation Army in LaPorte County, the tree was decorated with names of needy families, and specific gifts the family children have requested from Santa.

The campus clubs, PNC community members, and the Salvation Army play Santa Claus and get those gifts to the families. In past years, gifts were delivered at a Salvation Army "Christmas Walk, where the families could pick up gifts for their children. However, this year the presents are tagged specifically for each child.

David Myers of both the Dean's Leadership Group and Student Government commented, "It is very nice to see all of the PNC



community help and take an 'angel' off the tree. We are in some really tough times right now, and I am glad to see people are still remembering the reason for the season."

Myers and other members of the PNC groups would like to thank everyone who has helped with this project.

PNC Adds New Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work

WESTVILLE - The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) has granted approval to Purdue University North Central for the College of Liberal Arts to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work (BASW). PNC students will have the opportunity to enroll in these bachelor's degree classes for spring semester of 2010.

Purdue North Central now offers its students 19 baccalaureate programs.

"Earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work will prepare our students to become Social Work generalists to work with the most vulnerable, at-risk citizens in our communities. Our research shows that there is a growing demand for degreed professionals to enter this most essential profession," said PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworin. "Traditionally, the vast majority of our PNC alumni continue to live and work in Northwest Indiana. The future graduates of our Social Work program will be an asset to our community as they put their Purdue degrees to work."

Currently, PNC students have the opportunity to choose a Social Work concentration offered through the Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science - a degree that has been offered since December, 2001. Students

enrolled in that program may transition to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work program.

According to Rex Morrow, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the PNC Bachelor of Arts in Social Work degree will be the first undergraduate social work program provided by a public university in Northwest Indiana. "Our degree will help to meet the growing needs of community health and human services agencies throughout the region," said Morrow. "The Indiana Workforce Development Commission cites that social work will be one of the fastest growing career opportunity areas in public and private human services. Our graduates will be prepared to assist the multifaceted needs of all Hoosiers from infancy to senior citizens.

The PNC faculty worked closely with local social work professionals and human service agencies while developing this degree. "These professionals and agencies were very supportive and encouraging to us. In addition they offered to provide assistance in creating social work internships which can lead to a variety of future career opportunities for the students enrolled in this program," said Dr. Karen Schmid, PNC vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of

Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook projects employment for social workers to increase by 22 percent during 2006 to 2016, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Job prospects are expected to be favorable, particularly for social workers specializing in aging populations or working in rural areas.

The Social Work program and curriculum has been developed to reflect the policies and standards of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). It will also qualify PNC to seek national accreditation through the CSWE. This accreditation will entitle PNC graduates to sit for state licensing examinations in Indiana and surrounding states.

Outside of the classroom, students may also join the campus Social Work Club which offers a variety of community engagement activities and learning opportunities.

Students earning the PNC Social Work degree may qualify for advanced standing in Master of Social Work programs.

Further information on the PNC Bachelor's degree in Social Work can be obtained by contacting the PNC College of Liberal Arts at 785-5200, ext. 5647, or by visiting the PNC website, www.pnc.edu.

PNC Becomes A Call To Serve Partner

Westville - Purdue University North Central has joined a network of more than 670 other colleges and universities nationwide in the "Call To Serve" program, which intends to make students aware of the many career opportunities that exist with the federal government.

"Call to Serve" is a joint effort of the Partnership for Public Service and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), which represents more than 75 participating federal agencies, including the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Congressional Budget Office, Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Education and the Department of State and Environmental Protection Agency.

"Many students would like to pursue careers that allow them to make a difference in the world, and a career with the federal government is a tremendous opportunity to accomplish that goal," said Natalie Connors, director of PNC Career Development.

Through the Partnership for Public Service website, makingthedifference.org students are able to learn more about the participating federal agencies and search for information about federal jobs that is timely, understandable and relevant. Additional information is also available at www.students.gov.

The federal government is the nation's largest employer and The Partnership for Public Service's report, "Where the Jobs Are," notes that there are 193,000 "mission critical" federal jobs that need to be filled in the next two years alone. In addition, internship possibilities also exist.

In the coming months the PNC Office of Career Development will be offering student workshops to inform students about internship, co-op and full time employment opportunities in government service. One example of such a program is the federal government's Student Career Experience Program (SCEP). SCEP allows college students to work for a federal agency/department in an internship capacity for up to 640 hours while completing their degree. Upon completion of the program and degree, students may be offered the opportunity to be non-competitively converted into a full time position. The workshops will familiarize students with the government internship programs as well as the Career Experience programs for recent graduates and assist them in the application process.

To learn more about the PNC Office of Career Development contact Natalie Connors at 785-5200, ext. 5498 or nconnors@pnc.edu or visit www.pnc.edu. Follow PNC's Office of Career Development on Facebook and Twitter.

PNC Professor Featured Symposium Speaker

Westville - Purdue University North Central's Nipul Patel, assistant professor of Computer & Information Technology, was a featured speaker at the Infrastructure Management Institute Security Symposium at Northern Kentucky University. This one-day event focused on IT security challenges, best practices and professional discussions.

His presentation was, "Taming the Cloud: Areas of Concerns Affecting Security, Privacy and Ethics In Cloud Computing."

Patel explains cloud computing as an environment where any type of IT service may be provided as a resource, without the limitations of traditional infrastructure.

"Commercial enterprises are utilizing cloud computing as a solution to fluctuating capacity challenges," said Patel. "Pay-per-

use cloud computing allows not only tremendous cost advantages; it also provides flexibility for launching or testing new products or services. Benefits, such as greater utilization efficiencies and worldwide accessibility of data and applications, are sometimes offset by perceived loss of control of personal data. Commercial enterprises face challenges that include resource allocation, use of virtual machines and bandwidth requirements and one of the largest challenges is of legal status and jurisdiction."

His presentation focused on Cloud governance and risk management; legal issues, compliance and audit and data security, disaster recovery and business continuity. He reviewed how various laws and government directives around the globe affect the relatively new concept of cloud computing.

PNC Books and Coffee Series Continues in 2010

WESTVILLE - Purdue University North Central is again hosting the "Books & Coffee" discussion series during the coming months. The programs, which are free and open to the public, will meet from noon to about 12:45 p.m.

Each session will feature a review of the book, followed by a discussion period. The books being reviewed are available for purchase from the PNC Bookstore. This year's selections include:

Feb. 17 in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02 - "The Culture of Fear," by Barry Glassner, will be reviewed by Dr. Jeff Shires, associate professor of Communication.

March 17 in Technology Building Room 134 - "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without

Thinking," by Malcolm Gladwell, will be presented by Dr. Elizabeth Anne Christo-Baker, assistant professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision.

April 21 in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02 - "Homeland Insecurity: the Arab American and Muslim American Experience after 9/11," will be discussed by its author Dr. Louise Cainkar, of Marquette University.

Additional information about Books and Coffee may be obtained by contacting Dr. Deepa Majumdar, associate professor of Philosophy at 785-5200, 5693 or dmajumda@pnc.edu. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact Majumdar.

PNC Presents Economic Development Workshop

Westville - Purdue University North Central and the PNC Center for Economic Development and Research (CEDaR) will present an economic development workshop on Dec. 1 in the Library-Student-Faculty building Assembly Hall, Room 02. This workshop will be of interest to all individuals interested in economic development.

The event is free and open to the public. The evening will open at 6:30 p.m. with dessert and the presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. David R. McKinnis, director of Purdue's Technical Assistance Program (TAP). McKinnis will speak about the services available

through TAP and share examples of projects in which TAP provided assistance. There will be time for questions, answers and conversation following his presentation.

McKinnis joined TAP when it was founded in 1986 and became director in 2000. He has connected hundreds of Purdue faculty, staff, and students with thousands of Indiana companies, healthcare providers and governmental organizations, carrying out TAP mission to advance Indiana's economic prosperity and quality of life. TAP has staff in nine statewide offices serving over four hundred employers each year.

Prior to coming to Purdue, McKinnis held manufacturing positions with Landis + Gyr and Caterpillar in Lafayette and with Thermotron Industries in Holland, Mich. He holds a B.S. in Engineering Science, M.S. in Management and a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering, all from Purdue University.

Further information about the workshop may be obtained by contacting Amber Cable, in the PNC Chancellor's Office at 785-5200, ext. 5433 or by email at alcable@pnc.edu. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Cable.

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American Study Abroad Student Convicted of Murder in Italy

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

On Dec. 4, American student Amanda Knox was pronounced guilty in the murder case of her late British roommate. The jury in the Italian town of Perugia cast the verdict two years and one month after Knox's arrest on Nov. 5, 2007. She was sentenced to 26 years in prison on various charges, including murder, sexual assault, slander of the man she claimed was the real killer, and fabricating a false burglary.

A student in Seattle, Knox decided to study abroad and immerse herself in the Italian language, culture, and literature. Her roommate, Meredith Kercher, was in the same frame of mind, having left England to study European politics and Italian in the city of Perugia. It was in their shared dwelling that Kercher was viciously stabbed and had her throat slashed.

According to prosecutors, Knox was with her former roommate and two other men the night of the murder. The men are identified as Knox's then boyfriend Rafael Sollecito (sentenced to 25 years for his part) and friend Rudy Guede (sentenced to 30 years for murder and attempted assault). Prosecutors allege that Knox slit the young woman's throat with a kitchen knife while the four played a sex game in which the victim was not a willing participant.

When asked in an interview right after the verdict was announced what it will be like to watch his young daughter spend her life in prison, Curt Knox responds simply that he will not do so. He went on to explain to ABC correspondent Elizabeth Vargas that "based on information we are getting tonight, you know, from the United States, there's going to be some involvement." The family refuses to accept the verdict and holds steadfast to the hope that an appeal will grant the



woman's freedom. The Knoxes are contacting the State Department, however, it is as of yet unknown what the American government can legally do in an Italian trial.

With the news media in America covering the trial so thoroughly, it is not surprising that many Americans are outraged with the outcome. The focal point for their anger is the Italian justice system. The jurors in an Italian court are not screened as they are in America, and in fact are not prevented from following the trial through media channels. Americans believe that any bias not weeded out through screening was allowed to fester as Italian media coverage tainted Knox's image by portraying her as a sexual victim from the morally deficient United States.

Further controversy reigns over the alleged murder weapon. Perugia police found a kitchen knife with a small amount of blood on it. Though found in Sollecito's apartment, a place where Kercher had apparently

never ventured, the blood samples are believed to contain the DNA from both Knox and Kercher. The defense brought in a private coroner who is a geneticist to make the argument that the blood was too minimal to produce a fully accurate result. They also brought in experts to prove that the knife wounds on the victim's body were incompatible with the size and shape of the knife found, thus countering the argument that the kitchen knife found was the murder weapon.

Prior to the jury's voting, many advocates stated that no real evidence put Knox at the crime scene. In fact, the defense team was able to refute all claims from the prosecutors. Only the damaging information on Knox's character could sway the vote, and in the Italian justice system, one does not need to prove guilt beyond a shadow of a doubt. A prosecutor needs only to make the majority of the jury feel the accused party is guilty in order to obtain a sentence.

The World As We Know It: *Weird News from around the Country*



Compiled by Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia – When a town was attacked in the 1963 movie "The Birds," people saw the horror, some even laughed. What would be the reaction to an invasion of camels? Docker River, a small town with a population reaching 350, has been trampled by 6,000 wild camels. The animals, in search of water due to the Australian drought, have commandeered the city's water supply, contaminating what remains with the carcasses of camels that died in the stampedes. Many are even invading the local houses, trying to get inside. They start by licking off the dribbles of water from air conditioning units. A nearby city, Alice Springs, has agreed to help save the town by shooting the animals from helicopters, the best suggestion for mass extermination.

BUDAPEST, Hungary – The Hungarians seem to have their own take on the old kidnapping-and-ransom gig. A Hungarian lawyer, Barnabas Sz., is the lead suspect in the kidnapping of Austrian billionaire Friedrich Karl Flick. CEO of a large industrial empire in Germany, Flick was named on Forbes List of the 100 Richest People in the World back in 2006. He did not make it to the succeeding years because he died. That's right, Barnabas Sz. is in police custody for kidnapping and ransom. Flick's body and the coffin holding it. Having demanded six million euros (about \$9million) from the family, the Flick's not only called in the police force, but also hired a

slew of private detectives. Barnabas Sz. and his accomplices received 100,000 euros before the detectives recovered the remains and turned the thieves over to authorities.

MARIETTA, Ohio – An anonymous donor was kind enough to drop off a large water jug outside of the Marietta Goodwill store for this holiday season. Though the city's police captain, Jeff Waite, claimed the possibility of it being an antique, he was more concerned with what the two-gallon water pot contained. Local authorities were called in after employees discovered it was a potful of pot. Apparently, the jug was filled with four zip locked bags of marijuana. Police claim the approximately one pound of weed is valued at around \$1,500. A very expensive donation for the local Goodwill store, albeit they were not allowed to keep or sell it.

TAMPA, Fla. – On a Monday night in November, a 36-year old woman was driving her car at the Tampa International Airport. Just outside the baggage claim center for American Airlines, rested a public art display. This display consisted of a 1,500-gallon aquarium standing 12 feet in height. The tank was holding approximately 40 saltwater fish when the woman drove her car into it. The glass shattered and the water rushed everywhere. Unfortunately, the life of the aquarium also rushed out with it. Only 10 percent of the fish were sustained. The airport saw the destruction of its \$200,000 art exhibit.

Trio sSs Tutoring Positions available

Student Support Services (sSs) offers great opportunities to earn extra income while expanding your knowledge. You will be able to network with PNC faculty and staff. The tutor position will allow you to assist fellow students with their academic success. In addition to becoming a tutor you will gain certification through the nationally recognized College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). To request an application and receive additional information about the tutor position contact the Graduate Aide Raymond Blackman by stopping at Student Support Services (sSs) located in the Schwarz room 38 or calling 219-785-5469.

ATTENTION WAITRESSES!!

We are looking for volunteers (waitresses between the ages of 18-40) to participate in a research study examining the correlation between cyclical hormonal changes and tipping behavior. If you are interested or have any questions please email Kyle Gospodarek at kgospoda@pnc.edu or Dr. Quinn at vquinn@pnc.edu. Thank You!

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PNC Earns NAIA Champions of Character Status

Westville -The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) recently announced that Purdue University North Central has been named a Champions of Character institution for the 2008-09 academic year. This the sixth consecutive year that PNC has earned this distinction.

Institutions earning this distinction share the NAIA commitment to high standards and the principle that participation in athletics serves as an integral part of the total education process.

The mission of Champions of Character is to restore character values and raise a generation of students who understand and demonstrate in everyday decisions respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship. The program is dedicated to the principle that character is a choice and that being a champion is not just about winning, but making good decisions consistently in daily life.

The NAIA and member institutions use the Champions of Character program to instill an understanding of character values in sports, and provide student-

athletes, coaches and parents the training to help them know and do the right things, inside and outside the sports setting.

"We are proud to once again achieve the status of being a Champions of Character institution," said John Weber, PNC director of Student Athletics ; head baseball coach. "Our student-athletes and coaches are pleased to have the opportunity to help out where they are needed in the community. We look forward to continuing our tradition of community service."

To be considered a Champions of Character institution, schools are reviewed by a team directed by Rob Haworth, NAIA vice president for Champions of Character. Institutions must demonstrate how the Champions of Character program is incorporated in the areas of athletic contests, public service projects, established policies related to behavior in practice and game situations, athletic and academic environment and character education.

In representing the core Champions of Character values off the field, PNC student-athletes

performed a number of charitable events in the surrounding communities. Recent activities include ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, helping raise money for Opportunity Enterprises in Valparaiso, assisting in the Chesterton tornado clean-up, supporting local holiday functions for needy families, reading to grade school students, helping local YMCAs, hosting free athletic camps and clinics in the community, aiding in activities within the PNC campus community, raising money to aid victims of catastrophic events, helping families in need and more.

"Champions of Character has a profound impact on student-athletes, coaches and in the communities the NAIA and member institutions serve. I am delighted to see an increase in the number of schools that use the program to intentionally teach character," said Haworth "Champions of Character uses the power of sports to teach lessons for life. I applaud these institutions for their commitments to advancing character-driven intercollegiate athletics."

Panther Basketball Season Continues



By John Weber
Contributor

The Purdue North Central basketball team was defeated 69-62 by Trine University (IN) Wednesday evening at the La Porte Civic Auditorium. It was the first home loss for the Panthers (3-7) who have lost four straight. The Thunder improved to 2-2.

The game was tight throughout with the biggest margin being eight points before halftime. However, Trine cut into PNC's lead and made it 34-32 Panthers at the break.

The second half was similar to the first half as both teams battled back and forth. However, with the score 61-60 Trine outscored the Panthers 8-2 the rest of the way for the difference.

The Panthers struggled from the floor finishing 24 of 58 (41%) overall, a dismal 3 of 20 (15%) from three-point territory and 11 off 22 (50%) from the free throw line. Trine was 24 of 49 (49%), 8 of 21 (38%) and 13 of 22 (59%) respectively.

Trine out-rebounded the Panthers 31-27 but committed 16 turnovers to PNC's 13. However, several of PNC's turnovers came at crucial moments towards the end of the game.

Junior Ryan Sisson led the Panthers with 24 points while senior J.F. Ndomb had 13 and sophomore Jordan Delks added 12 points.

The Panthers played again when they traveled to Manitowoc, WI to take on Silver Lake College

The Purdue north Central basketball team used a late second half

surge to defeat Silver Lake College 61-57 Saturday afternoon in Manitowoc, WI. The Panthers (4-7) earned their first road victory of the year while the Lakers dropped to 0-9.

Both teams were as cold as the frigid Wisconsin weather in the first half as Silver Lake edged ahead 30-29. The Panthers finished 9 of 21 from the field, 2 of 6 on three's and 9 of 19 at the free throw line. In comparison, the Lakers managed 10 of 27, 2 of 6 and a respectable 8 of 10 on free throws.

The game remained tight throughout until sophomores Jordan Delks and Nate Carroll knocked down consecutive three's to give PNC a slight edge. The Panthers held off Silver Lake and hung on for the hard fought victory.

The overall stats for both teams were ugly in the foul-plagued affair. PNC was 16 of 42 from the floor (38%), 5 of 17 on three's (29%) and 24 of 42 on free throws (57%) while committing 23 fouls. The Lakers were 18 of 48 (36%), 3 of 12 (25%) and 17 of 26 (65%) respectively and committed a whopping 28 fouls.

Silver Lake dominated the boards with a 40-22 margin but had three players foul out and committed 11 turnovers.

Junior Ryan Sisson led PNC with 15 points while Carroll and junior Derrick Hazelwood added 14 points apiece.

The Panthers play again on Tuesday when they take on DePauw University in an exhibition at 7:30 p.m. e.t. in Greencastle, IN.

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Staff Shares Holiday Horror Stories

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

I remember one Christmas when I was about nine years old, LaPorte County saw a huge snowstorm that snowed us all in for days. Christmas was fun, but it was not what it could have been, because we were not able to see our extended family.

I was looking forward to it because we had held a big family Christmas drawing where each of us picked out of a hat the name of the person to whom we would present a gift. I drew my older cousin that year, and I was excited to give her the gift I had gotten for her. Now I had to wait until New Years.

It was a bittersweet snow in. I got to spend time with my immediate family. I had fun with my mom, dad, and brother. We had electricity for most of the time; however, other times were spent with a series of candles and cuddling together with blankets. Through it all, we could not light the Christmas tree. Santa still managed to find our house, though.

By Rachael Herbert-Varchetto
Staff Writer

Of all the Christmases I've ever lived through, last year was the worst. The day started out great. The car was all packed with the things we'd need to prepare the Christmas Eve feast, and we left on time. Traffic wasn't too bad and my mom and I made it to my grandmother's house on time.

We unpacked everything and set up the whole kitchen. As my mother was preparing food, getting ready to put things in the oven, she realized that she didn't have any crackers for the dip that she had prepared the night before. Too busy to get it herself, she turned to me and commanded in that mom-like way we're all familiar with when parents want us to do something, that it was of the utmost importance I go out on Christmas Eve and get crackers. I jumped at the task, excited beyond words that I'd get to save the day, in just a tiny way.

So I donned my heavy winter coat, got into the car, and drove through Arlington Heights looking for a Walgreen's, a Dominick's, or some other place that would have what I needed. I drove past street after street, wondering why I hadn't come to the grocery. It was getting later and later, and I could feel the tension and anxiety building in my stomach. My mom was counting on me!

If you are familiar with Chicago driving and streets, especially in winter, and, to top it off, the Christmas Eve rush, then maybe you can understand why I got lost. After 30 minutes of driving around and trying to get back to my grandmother's house - I ended up on Rand Road five miles away from my intended destination - I called my mother, hysterical and sobbing. Traffic was bad, the weather was getting worse, and I had no idea where the hell I was. Angry that I hadn't returned with the required food, my mother snapped and berated me - she was cooking and running out of time, under incredible stress - and in a very hostile tone, directed me back home and to the nearest Dominick's.

I ran in, purchased the crackers, and came back, only to have her explode at me that I had bought fat-free crackers instead of just plain. Needless to say, my little adventure was the joke of the evening and I felt crappy the rest of the night. My mom later apologized, but it hardly made up for the bad experience. I will NEVER drive in Chicago by myself again. At least not until I get GPS.

The History of the Black Friday Tradition

By Brianna Armato
Staff Writer

Each year Black Friday becomes more and more chaotic, but what exactly is the history of Black Friday and where did the term Black Friday come from?

Each year there is one day that stands apart in terms of public shopping insanity and it is known to all as Black Friday. In history, Black Friday is a fairly recent phenomenon, but one that has grown more and more popular with each passing year. So why is it called Black Friday and where did the term Black Friday come from in the first place?

The term Black Friday actually has several origins. The first reference to Black Friday in history comes from an 1869 financial panic in the stock market. Newspapers such as the New York Times originally coined the phrase, but it did not surface again until the mid 1970's when Philadelphia newspapers picked up the phrase again to reference a local football rivalry. Other erroneous references attempt to attrib-



ute Black Friday to the stock market crash that initiated the Great Depression of the 1930's, but that specific event actually occurred on a Tuesday in late 1929.

In more modern times the term Black Friday comes from a reference that many retailers use to express that Black Friday is the first day that they actually turn a

profit for the year, although some sources protest that this reference to the term Black Friday is perhaps more fantasy than fact. In this regard the phrase basically means that up until Black Friday many stores are operating "in the red," or in debt, owing more for their inventory than they have brought in sales for the year.

Black Friday shopping like Roman Circus

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

Every year, there is a somewhat official beginning to the Christmas season that I've never personally experienced, the ominous legend that is Black Friday. The cornucopia of amazing deals that supposedly exists at the wee hours of the morning has never graced my eyes, but for roughly 130 million Americans, it was all they could see one Friday morning. \$3 toasters, \$200 laptops, \$150 flat screen TVs and red was their eyes. I headed out to visit the spectacle, mostly because in the grips of insomnia, anything outside of the house sounds like a good plan. I headed out my door at 4:57am. The usual 3 minute drive to my neighborhood Target where my roommate works took 9 minutes.

Not only were the roads packed, the parking lot of Target, barely ever 1/3 full in its little retail complex was surreally stuffed with vehicles. It's 5:18 before I manage to find a single parking space in the parking lot of Barnes and Noble to walk to the front door of Target

By the time I've reached the front door of Target, there's still a line to get in the front door. The line doesn't end once you get inside either, it continues on into the store. A whole section is blocked off for everyone to enter. There are 7 uniformed officers corralling the line in the door, and once I finally got in, there were more uniformed guards throughout the store. One of the guards with a Target uniform informs me that Target has formed an extensive plan to help prevent problems today and brought it in "three times" the amount of security officers they did in the year prior.

As me and a herd of shoppers wait to enter the store proper, the spirit of the season really sets in. Surrounded by cardboard shelves of low priced DVDs, a woman runs me over with her cart three times in a row. Apparently enthralled by the "Doorbuster" deals enshrined with huge tags hanging from the ceiling, she has forgotten that you have to navigate your cart in such a way that it doesn't cause others bodily injury. Watching my back, she's

still staring off to the side as she almost runs into me the fourth time as I grab the front of her cart. "Excuse Me." It doesn't even register for her that she's been crashing into a solid object while telling her companion about the \$3 toaster she wants to get.

It's been 20 minutes since I got in the first line, and having just been out of line, nothing much has changed. There is no room to move in the store. People are standing clutching single items as if they were precious jewels, knocking each other into isles without apology and just generally disregarding any sort of socially normalized rules I seemed to remember about shopping in public.

A Target employee walks by barking "Code Yellow" into their radio. Having once worked at the retail giant, I know what's coming next, a description of the lost child that a Code Yellow indicates. 30 minutes in and somewhere there's a child lost already. Only about half of the employees are evening attempting to wade through the sea of people to look for the child, apparently 6 years old and lost in a throng of thou-

sands. They eventually find him, but not until almost 45 minutes later. The child was at the front door, and had never gotten any further.

The line these poor souls have entered is almost 2300 feet long, snaking in and out of roughly half the aisles in this particular Target. This is all a part of the plan a guard tells me. This has been on paper for a while now and is being executed just as planned. No one could make it through the aisles to shop, but if you already had that singular product or two you came for, you could vie for the privilege to stand in this second line for over an hour to check out. If it was stretched out, it would have spanned the length of almost eight football fields. I think to myself that I doubt much of anything is worth braving this, especially if I still have to pay for it.

I make my way to escape what I imagine is a modern analogue to the Roman Circus, but I'm stopped by my roommate's girlfriend, who also works here. "Cameron, you guys need a crock pot. There's one for \$3, you should get one, and I'll even give

you the \$3 to get it." I was previously unaware of my and my roommate's need of a crock pot, but I have no reason not to take Tara's word for it. Relationships are built on mutual trust I suppose. However, I have to politely inform her, the employee, that having trekked from the other side of the store, I already know the only way to acquire one of these beloved crock pots would be to pry it from the cold dead hands of one of the other patrons or take it in armed battle. I finally make my way out of the place and realize that on the day after Thanksgiving, I have found something to be thankful for this year. I'm thankful for the fact I only came to watch this mess and not to actually attempt to buy something.

Question of the Month

Do you have any superstitions regarding finals?



No, I'm not worried about them
Ben Seramur, Biology, Freshman



No, I never study, I either know my stuff or I don't.
James Feltz, Engineering, Junior



No, I wish I did.
Justine Duck, Communications, Senior

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October 4

John Stossel

An Evening with John Stossel

ABC News Correspondent, co-anchor of "20/20" and the author of two national bestsellers, John Stossel poses the questions and obtains the answers for the American people. His topic will focus on the up-to-the-minute issues on peoples' minds.

There will be a book signing following the program.

October 18

Jonathan Rauch

Government in 2020: Bankrupt or Reborn?

Senior writer and columnist for *National Journal* magazine and correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly*, Jonathan Rauch has authored several books and a multitude of articles on public policy, culture and economics. In his uniquely engaging style, he will take the Forum audience into the future for a glimpse of what our government will look like in 2020 and how we will feel the effects of our battle to come back from the economic recession.

There will be a book signing following the program.

November 8

Robert Krulwich

Making Medical Science WONDER-ful

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Called the most inventive network reporter on television by *T.V. Guide*, Robert Krulwich is expert at explaining complex issues in a style that is clear, compelling and entertaining. Through the use of vivid images and unusual examples (he once explained the structure of DNA using a banana) he captivates his audiences.

December 6

Twyla Tharp

Creativity and Risk Taking

Legendary dancer, choreographer, author, Kennedy Honors award recipient and Tony Award winner, Twyla Tharp will provide a practical approach to achievement, including turning ideas into products and notions into realities. Explaining lessons learned in the performing arts, her animated presentation, filled with movement, has delighted audiences across the country.

There will be a book signing following the program.

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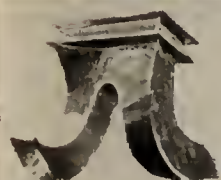
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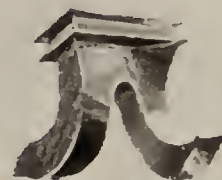
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Students, Alumni have opportunity to network with potential employers

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Usually an annual event in the fall, Natalie Connors, organizer of the PNC Job Fair, has put on a spring semester event. On February 12, 2010, thirty-four business and non-profit organizations gathered in SF 144 to promote job opportunities available. Most employers were interested specifically in PNC students and alumni. Numerous job-seekers turned out to walk from booth to booth with hopes of finding an amazing opportunity. The event served, in a way, as a meet and greet for prospective employers and employees alike. People were able to learn about various positions available, drop off their resumes when interested, attempt to sell themselves to company representatives, and are now awaiting callbacks from interested employers. Connors claims that the fair gives students "an opportunity to practice interviewing and developing their thirty second speech about themselves."

Danny Soria, an English major at PNC, hit many booths at the fair. Dressed for success in a blue button down shirt and dress pants, his professional appearance garnered him approval by prospective employers. With a stack of printed resumes in hand, Soria wandered the room packed with opportunities. Near the end of his rounds, he stopped by to learn about the internship offered by the Dunes Learning Center Camp. He was helped by lead naturalist Becky Hughes, one of the few permanent employees of the company. Listening to Hughes ex-



Photo by: Sarah Lasser

Becky Hughes of the Dunes Learning Center Camp explains her company's naturalist intern opportunity to student Danny Soria

plain the details of the internship her company was offering. Soria was able to decide if the job interested him enough to leave a resume and pitch himself as a great choice to employ. Also there manning the booth for other prospective employees was Daisy Lee, an intern hired by the company thanks to the August 2009 PNC Job Fair. Lee currently attends classes here at PNC and was overjoyed to be able to help "recruit [another] naturalist intern."

The Lakeshore Public Television & Lakeshore Public Radio Team was another group out looking for interns. However, the corpo-

ration was on the lookout to fill regular employment as well. Kathleen Szot, marketing and public relations coordinator, was the company's representative at the event. She stated that broadcasting majors are the company's main target for internships, but many positions are available within the company. With an energetic smile, Szot warmly claimed that she was thrilled to be back at the PNC Job Fair. This is largely due to the fact that her company had recruited "two great interns from fall's [fair]." The desire to see more successful placements was clear.

SGA giving back to students as seniors raise money for scholarship

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Editor

As part of an initiative by the seniors Student Government Association a class gift in the form of a scholarship for a student at PNC is under way. The SGA is trying to collect donations from all graduating seniors. The students have mailed out post cards earlier in the month and the calling campaign will continue throughout the spring semester.

This is the first time PNC Seniors have embarked on such a fundraising effort. They decided to create a scholarship for an incoming or existing PNC student as a means to give back to the student community. Even though most of the donations will be from graduating seniors, anyone can give - relatives, underclassmen and friends included.

"This scholarship will be the first of its kind. Never before has a graduating class at Purdue North Central given back to the university and its students through a class gift. The graduating class of 2010 will not only be creating a new tradition, but we will also be helping out a fellow student in the process. With tuition increases, financial aid cuts, and the overall hard economic times we're going through this is a major accomplishment and something that should make the Class of 2010 proud," said Aleah Turner SGA President.

Currently the initiative has raised over \$385 in gifts and pledges. However this amount is set to grow steadily because recently an anonymous donor announced a dollar-for-dollar challenge match. The first \$500 raised in the campaign will be matched 100 percent. That means that the first \$500 becomes \$1000. This is very exciting and means a great deal for the campaign. So, those thinking about making a contribution will need to act fast to be included in this challenge match.

Currently the Student Government Association is looking for seniors to be a part of the effort by volunteering a couple hours a week to help make this a scholarship a reality for a student. Students wishing to volunteer can contact Aleah Turner at turnerar@pnc.edu to become a part of the campaign.

Those interested in making a gift donation can go to <http://www.pnc.edu/development/> and click on the "make a gift online" button, then click "Make A New Gift" select "Purdue North Central Class of 2010 Scholarship" from the drop down menu (below "Regional Campuses"). Then enter "10026" next to "Appeal Code". Fill out the rest of the form as indicated. You may also call 219-785-5697 to make your pledge over the phone. The SGA extends sincere thanks to those who have already made a contribution.

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Commentary

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KAYLA'S CORNER

Leave Tiger Woods alone, its his own business

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

I want to talk about Tiger Woods. I work at a sports bar, well, Buffalo Wild Wings, and every time I seem to look up at one of the thirty something televisions we have, a story about Tiger Woods is on. As if that's not annoying enough, I go to school and sit down to have my coffee for CNN time, and their endless headlines are about Woods as well. I understand that infidelity isn't encouraged, but in terms of someone else's life, who is anyone to judge?

Being in the public eye as such a profound figure and role model in the golf world, Woods unfortunately faces the criticism of others. However, shouldn't this be limited to his golf game rather his 'mojo' game, if you will? When passing customers sitting in the bar, I often hear "what do you think of Woods apology? I think it was staged; I



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It takes a village to be successful

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

I think a lot of problems occur when we think about the way we see our own successes. We take for granted what has propped us up and helped us along the way. We see ourselves as single victors, not investments with many people who invested in us with no interest in seeing a return other than our own success. Our own victories are rolled into personal narratives like "I made the choice to go to college," or "I got a job and paid my own way." We forgot that we had to somehow come to know these opportunities were options for us. One cannot see all the open doors if they are unaware of where to look, how to find them, or that they are available. When what you see before you is stagnation and failure, your future begins to look a lot like the past. History repeats itself is probably a piece of wisdom that doesn't just apply to international politics and HIST104.

I look at my own story and see a lot of people that have invested to help me get me where I am that had no particular reason to other than they wanted to see others succeed. From a high school teacher who spent every extra moment he had attempting to inspire and help his students succeed, thank you David Mastly. French and Chinese may not be the best remembered lessons I have, but there were a lot of other things I learned in those classes along the way that were worth more than was paid for. To a friend who sold me a car for a dollar because he knew I needed one, thank you Bobby James. Your kindness maybe I can never repay, but Jodi would be proud as ever. For pictures of the four quarters I used to pay for it, find my Facebook. Many others deserve credit; those are just the two I've been reminded of most recently.

All those people I owe thanks to are part of a complex story that has led me to where I am and better off for it. That list of people is really long, and to say that I got here all on my own would be a disgraceful forgetting of that. I did a lot of work to get where I am, but there were a lot of people helping me along the way. Many people grow up without those advantages in people, let alone money, being the right race, right gender, right sexual orientation and any other number of attributes that make it easier to succeed. Success still relies on each and every one of us, but without all that support and luck, it's not likely. Privileges are what these things are called, but often they are taken for granted.

When you have "made it" or

"made it out" it's easy to look back at what you made it through and say you did it all yourself. The likelihood that its true isn't high. It's easy to say you did it all yourself so anyone could do it and if they didn't that's all on them. That's an easy statement to make, but a hard one to support. If you realize you didn't make it on your own, because no one born ever has, even if it was that little bit of support you needed before you could walk and crawl, why would you think or take for granted everyone else should? If you recognize there is a bit of luck to the way things have gone in your life to get you where you are, and I assure you there was, even if it was being in the right place at the right time to get a crappy job, why take for granted another has had the same? Your success is not something to bold others up against and deride them, it's an example. It's a chance to give back. It's a way to say it is possible even if it is hard. However hard it was for any person, there's always someone it was harder for. Instead of comparing and deriding, blaming and taking for granted what made it, trying to understand why someone else didn't and helping to lift them up is a much more productive thing to spend your energy and emotions on.

When you spend time studying why people tend to make it or not, consider that there are correlations. History repeats itself. It's the reason behind it that is important. That's what needs to face elimination and be the topic of discussion. If you managed to break the cycle, why you broke the cycle is important and why others didn't is important. It doesn't mean proclaiming your victory as the downfall of the others weakness is the cool thing to do. The cool thing to do is recognize how you overcame it all and try to pass that knowledge on while you provide understanding for others that didn't manage the same feat.

It's really annoying to listen to someone say they were successful and recognize why and deery others lack of success just because they cannot see why those others failed. Recognize that challenges can defeat us all and that no matter how successful you have been, you too have failed. The fewer opportunities you are provided to succeed, the less chance you have to succeed. The chance for success and failure is in all of us and there is a responsibility not only to use the tools before us to succeed, but also to recognize that we are lucky to have the tools.

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"No Impact Man" a psychological, physical struggle makes an interesting read

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

As rule, this reader hates to have to read environmental books. They are suggested to me all the time, and immediately I cringe a little bit on the inside. As a person who takes part in environmental activism, the recommendations come all the time. When this book was recommended to me, that cringe, caused by the lack of an entertaining story and moral high horse that most books of the sort suffer from, was right there under the surface. However, I decided to give this one a try as the recommendation of it was of such a high caliber. I was amazingly surprised.

Colin Beavans takes a struggle to work towards having as little environmental impact as possible and makes an entertaining narrative out of it. "No Impact Man-- The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet and the Discoveries He Makes about Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process" is aptly named. This book is about the psychological and physical struggle of a man to combine his beliefs and habits into the ideals he values. He is somewhat unwillingly accompanied by his wife, Michelle, and his two year old

Can you save the planet
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NO IMPACT MAN



daughter, Isabella. The rest of his family, coworkers and cast all come into play. The changes in their life roll out slowly, paced, but only somewhat planned.

The story comes from the point of view of a guy and a family that have no real clue what the heck they are doing. They make mistakes. The typical perfect environmental protagonist is nowhere to be found. From the first day when Colin wakes up and is not sure what or how to blow his nose without using a paper product to the moment when they cut the electricity off there is no moment when the family is quite sure exactly what they will be facing. There are both small changes and big changes to rise to the challenge of coming to have no impact within a year and the drama plays out wonderfully as the story of an everyday family just willing to take a leap. Successes and failures are all there. This no book about a perfectly planned transition towards sustainability, it is a story about a journey towards a goal.

Part of the excitement is that as Colin and the family make each little leap they find unexpected surprises for themselves and the reader. They find out some changes are no fun at all, while others, including more time for sex since TV

is out are a boon to their lives. Some people applaud their efforts, some people deride them and others downright get nasty with the Beavans'. Beavans keeps it succinct and interesting with only enough technical detail to explain while keeping the emotional rollercoaster of such a life changing journey at the forefront. At 225 pages, it has a story that will keep you reading the whole way through and leave a few good lessons behind. An appendix contains information on managing the same feats the Beavans' did for those interested in all the technical details.

If you're looking for an interesting jog through the life of an average person that tries to "Go Green" or just a good story, pick this one up. You can even pick up a copy to borrow in the Office of the Chancellor. With simple writing, witty humor, and never getting preachy about a topic that typically lends itself to the pulpit, "No Impact Man" is worth the time to read even if you are not sure you want to read anything about the environmental craze.

Spoon has shifting textures and trance-like rhythms, The Flaming Lips "Dark Side of the Moon" makes Pink Floyd proud

By Taylor Coleman
Staff Writer

Spoon - Transference (6 out of 10) In 2007, Spoon released its most expansive and easy-to-love album, "Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga." The album's use bright horns and instantly catchy melodies earned the Austin, Texas quartet their first top-10 album of a career that stretches back to the mid-'90s. In light of this, I believe their newest album "Transference" to be a step down from the peak that was the previously mentioned album. Many of the songs lack distinctive melodies, relying instead on shifting textures and trance-like rhythms to keep the listeners attention. Though, there are many moments when the accumulation of the tiny details in a track is just right, and you know that this is why Spoon can be so great. The momentum shifts to a

slower pace in the second half of the album, including songs like, "Goodnight Laura," "Out Go The Lights," and "Nobody Gets Me But You." This is definitely an album for those of you "die-hard" Spoon fans. It is not as flashy and swag-ger-full as they have been in the past, but more of a slow cooker that brings as much to the table as you are willing to pick up.

The Flaming Lips - The Dark Side of the Moon (8 out of 10) Yep, you read correctly, The Flaming Lips have put out a cover album of Pink Floyd's 1973 masterpiece, "The Dark Side of the Moon." I know what you're thinking: "Nobody can replicate the genius that is Pink Floyd!" Well, let me assure you that the Flaming Lips have done better than most ever could. Helping with the album was Stardeath & the White Dwarfs, as well as Henry Rollins of Black

Flag, and Canadian musician Peaches. The album begins with the statement that he's been mad, mad for years and then comes the laughing and the power. "The Dark Side of the Moon" is a great opportunity for the Lips to show off what makes them so world-renowned. The tracks "On the Run" and "The Great Gig in the Sky" possess an almost hypnotic groove that sucks the listener deep within its embrace. Then there are tracks like "Speak To Me/Breathe" which boasts the screechy yet controlled guitar mayhem that made up most of early Lips work. This cover album was done by one of the few groups out there that could do it justice. The Flaming Lips have taken the soul and skeleton of Pink Floyd's 15 time platinum album, and have given it a new tuxedo with a finishing coat of psychedelic "Amazing."

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Campus News

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Veterans club looks for more members

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

The Veterans Club made their callout last week to all students, faculty, and staff who have served in the armed forces. In a conference room in the basement of the LSF building, club president, Zach Hunt, charismatically sat amongst the group urging all to get their fill of pizza and soda. He then energetically welcomed everyone, impressing upon them the fact the club is "not the gung ho military type." Hunt asserts that the goal of the Veterans Club is simply to "raise awareness and get Vet friendly at PNC." He also expresses his wish for the club to help aid PNC veterans in finding the resources and support available for veteran issues.

Many people are aware that troops in the armed forces may return to the home front with what is known as PTSD. Scientifically termed post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSD plagues many vets. According to an article on MSNBC in 2004, "one in eight returning soldiers suffer from PTSD." Yet Hunt

claims the fact that veteran students may have this disorder is not the whole picture. The club will assist any vet who comes with the disorder, but it is about more than just a one-on-one dealing. As Hunt himself states, "Lack of awareness on the student side has not helped." Two club members, sophomore Mark Gourley and junior Gene Carpenter, can be seen nodding their heads in agreement. The general consensus appears to be that the glorification of war is the main problem. Gourley and Carpenter believe that the way our society has presented "war games" to the public, via avenues such as video games and movies, has romanticized the idea of war. Yet the real deal is not like what many believe it to be.

Of course it is not all on the students. Club treasurer Anthony Butler helps Hunt explain how professors are often unaware of the struggles their veteran students face. A main example deals with Veteran Affairs (VA). The VA office is the place where all veterans must go to take care of issues regarding benefits, disabilities, etc. Gourley

confirms that appointments with the VA "take a long time to get, and hard to get at all if you miss one." Butler chimes in that "it is not an open door policy." Thus, if a class or even a test must be missed, ill-informed professors may be unforgiving of the absence.

Hunt relays the statistic that there are 96 veteran students enrolled this year. To aid these students, PNC has on staff a Veteran Service Coordinator, Alice Yacullo. She introduces new veteran students to services available to them on campus as well as dealing with their educational benefits. The Veterans Club is one of those services. Carpenter is excited to be part of the group here on campus. Of the club, he says, "It'll be good for the veterans coming in because when I started I didn't know where to go; I was lost." Being there for new incoming vets allows him to pay it forward.

For students, faculty, and staff who are interested, the Veterans Club does have an office in LSF 55. Club president Zach Hunt invites all to stop by or e-mail him directly at zhuntb00@pnc.edu.

Meet Your Peers

Kelly-Johnson aims to save the "world one little bit at a time"



By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Name: Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Major: Economics and Communications
Year: Senior
Motto: "Save the world one little bit at a time."

The hat says it all. Cameron Kelly-Johnson is a fun-loving individual with a charming way about him. On campus numerous hours each week, Cameron can almost always be found hanging around the Cyber Cafe in LSF, making new friends at an amazing rate. The 315 friends he now follows on Facebook prove this.

Part of Cameron's time spent on campus is at his work-study positions in the Office of Advancement and in catering for food services. He claims to enjoy being at this college because of the "ability to get to know your professors."

Yet there are changes the young man would like to see made at PNC. The most important being "University-wide organization." Blackboard seems to always be giving Cameron a hard time. A majority of the time it will not work for him off campus and if it does, it is practically snail-mail slow. For another point of discussion, it must be mentioned that Laporte is a big to do with campus events. However, not much attention is being given to other counties where parts of the student body hail from. Cameron says he would like to see "PNC initiatives being dedicated to all the

communities students come from."

Though a senior here at PNC, the young man is not quite ready to give up on furthering his education. Graduate school is an option on the board, with the University of San Diego on the top of the list. It is also highly possible that one will eventually find Cameron teaching English as a second language. The perk of the latter being the ability to live abroad for a while.

The future looks bright for Cameron. However, his present is just as brilliant. Here at PNC, the senior is currently serving on the Campus Sustainability Committee. According to Cameron, this committee is new to campus and has been organized in an effort to aid the university in its quest to become "sustainable and environmentally responsible."

Keeping up with his own personal motto, Cameron has incorporated his work of saving the earth with his hobbies. He has used his photographic skills working for Green Peace one summer. He was able to secure a position doing activist photography and journalistic documentation. Last fall, Cameron held a position for Energy Action Coalition where he was given the opportunity to host their Indiana Summit in Carmel, Indiana. Being the master of ceremonies was quite the experience for him. Exhilarating though it was, Cameron is aware that this stage of his life is simply a stepping-stone toward saving the world one little bit at a time.

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World News

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The World As We Know It: Weird News from Around the World

Compiled by: Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

ATLANTA, Ga.- Barnum & Bailey Circus has arrived in Atlanta. In one of the rare occasions known to most, but only seen by few, a circus animal escaped. On Thursday afternoon, February 18, 2010, animal trainers were out preparing for the show when 12-year-old Lima, the circus zebra, suddenly spooked. The source of his unrest is claimed to be unknown. However, it was enough to frighten Lima, who slipped through an opening in the fence that kept him corralled. He led a chase that lasted 40 minutes and well over a mile through downtown Atlanta. Once he hit the interstate highway in the midst of the city, local authorities had to block certain lanes in order to corner Lima. With the exception of minor cuts on his hooves, the caught and calmed zebra was not harmed. In the end, Atlanta seems to be becoming a very zebra friendly city. It was just shy of two years since the last zebra was found loose on the same interstate. The latter zebra, much younger in age, is believed to have fallen off a truck, was hurt at the time. However, a quick trip to the veterinary clinic and a recovery in an animal rescue center has led to

the zebra, dubbed Evidence, living a peacefully serene life.

CLIFF, N.M.- When the classroom teacher must be absent, the safest bet is to call out a substitute teacher. Unless, of course, the substitute teacher comes equipped with porno. A high school classroom in Cliff, New Mexico, overseen by a substitute, relished in a couple of seconds of a pornography tape. Apparently, the substitute was given a taped documentary on the Treaty of Versailles by a friend. Unbeknownst to the temporary instructor, the tape was recorded on an old pornographic video. The school superintendent, ironically named Dick Pool, was hesitant to give any details of disciplinary action taken against the substitute.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.- Missouri law enforcement have recently discovered a new drug that many residents are abusing. It is a synthetic, chemical version of marijuana. The catch? It's legal in all fifty states. Given the name K2, users are also calling the product "Spices," "Genie," and "Zobai." When Dr. Huffman, an organic chemistry professor, published a paper on his research of how cannabinoids effect the brain, he included his recipe for the chemically created compound used in his tests. His synthetic compound was chem-



ically similar to the psychoactive ingredient in the marijuana herb. Thus, it created a similar effect by the user. Yet, is unclear how harmful extended use of the manmade chemical can be.

Apparently, drug users have been duplicating Huffman's compound and spraying it on herbs sold as incense in numerous head shops across the country. With no regulation, a child can legally buy this product. In fact, it is becoming most

popular among high school students and people on probation. The latter due to the reasoning that it is legal and completely undetectable in drug tests. However, already banned in most of Europe and in the American military, lawmakers are pushing to make K2 illegal, having it carry a punishment of the same degree as actual marijuana.

MOSCOW, Russia- "We await you, merry gnome!" This sign was posted in Moscow at a

children's theater. Advertising for a new production, the poster also portrayed a picture a child fairy. This was in great offense to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. Standing at a mere five foot, four inches, President Medvedev ordered the posters removed before he would grace them with his presence, a scheduled visit to the city. It appears that the little guy couldn't have actually been mistaken as a "merry" gnome.

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Sports

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Established Sports Writer Shares Insights

By Jesse Cartegena
Staff Writer

When it comes to medical issues and reports in professional baseball, there is one man that stands head and shoulders above the rest, and that is Will Carroll.

Over the past decade Will has established himself as one of the finest writers in baseball. He is a senior writer for *baseballprospectus.com*, which is an organization devoted to analysis of baseball and is accredited by the BBWAA (Baseball Writers Association of America). Will is a member of the BBWAA. He also is the primary contributor to BP Radio and has his own program, "Under the Knife." Will has written three books, "Saving the Pitcher," "The Juice: The Real Story of Baseball's Drug Problems," and the "Carroll Guide to Sports Injuries."

I had an opportunity to ask Will some questions about the Dick Martin award, his Pete Rose story, difficulties and challenges of journalism, his book, "The Juice," and the drug problems that are still kicking around in professional (and amateur) baseball.

JC: You created the annual "Dick Martin" award to recognize the best medical staff in Baseball. Who was Dick Martin?

WC: Dick was the long time Athletic Trainer for the Twins. After 30-plus years of 20-hour days and being on the road, he got a call from

the GM one winter and was told he was fired. The "old guard" of athletic trainers, the guys who really made possible a lot of the advancements in sports medicine today, were discarded the same way. I wanted to recognize them in some small way. It could have been the Mickey Cobb or Kent Biggerstaff Award just as easily.

JC: I think most people (especially Mets fans like myself) think that time lost to injuries is either bad luck or bad personnel selection. What makes you think that this is really a function of the medical personnel? Is there statistical evidence to support the claim that a med staff can really make a difference?

WC: Those certainly factor in. Guys run into walls or get hit by comebackers and that's luck. We'll always have some level of injuries but there's clear evidence that some medical staffs can make a difference. They can't make things perfect, but there are patterns. Teams like the White Sox and Brewers have been good year after year. So have the Phillies. There's some on the downside as well. I do think player selection is the one part that hasn't been addressed quite as much.

JC: Despite the controversy over the Rose piece, you are now a card-carrying member of the BBWAA (Baseball Writers Association of America), meaning that you've achieved a certain level of recognition among your primarily

print journalist peers and you get to vote for the Hall of Fame and annual awards. Has the perception of web-based journalists (or journalists who started on the web) changed inside the BBWAA?

WC: I don't think the Rose piece is really that controversial. The story being written changed the story. Bud Selig didn't like the fall-out and Pete Rose's book killed the deal. People understand that, at least some do. I don't think that had any consideration when it came to the BBWAA. I had a track record and more importantly, Baseball Prospectus had a track record. Even if I'd been wrong about the Rose story - and I've been wrong a lot - every journalist has had misses. I've had sources flat out lie to me, often for their own purposes. I've learned that when a team official tells you a deal is "all but done" and you report it, that there's a small subset of your readers that just love to bring that up and try to tear down the times you were right. Inside, there's pressure to be first - especially as journalism comes to grips with Twitter - and outside, there's a demand to be right. It's impossible to always be both.

JC: I first read your book "The Juice" when I was a high school pitcher and I was researching a story on steroids in baseball (for my high school paper at the time). Later, as a college pitcher, I struggled with competition for innings and the coaches' attention. How-

ever, I was never tempted to dope-not even to take ADD drugs to improve focus on pitching days. I wouldn't even have known where to start. In your experience, what is it that pushes an amateur athlete to use performance-enhancing drugs? Is there a common theme that occurs in young users of HGH or steroids?

WC: Never tempted? The fact that you knew they were there and made the decision tells me you were tempted. Look, it's an option. It's out there, but it's not pervasive the way people think it is. I've always said that even in the majors, PED usage is a lot like marijuana usage. A lot of people experiment, some people use occasionally, a few use a lot. In the amateurs, it's almost always pressure to succeed or a belief - often pushed by coaches - that they're not big enough or strong enough.

One thing I do want to state is that no one - NO ONE - is using HGH anymore. It's not effective outside of helping people grow taller, it's expensive, easily tracked, and requires a lot of specialized schedules and care. HGH is the red herring of sports.

JC: My younger brother is a Type-I diabetic. You've written about the anabolic properties of insulin and it seems the opportunities for abuse could be enormous, given the ease of obtaining human insulin and the near impossibility of detecting it.

<http://www.mindandmuscle.net/node/507> But what about diabetics? Do athletes like Sam Fuld or Michael Taylor (or my brother) have some kind of an advantage?

WC: No. Diabetic usage of insulin is to replace something the body is missing. The diabetic doesn't have it and uses it as someone normally would. Anabolic use increases the insulin in the body, which can be directed to muscles. If a diabetic over-dosed, yes, but for normal usage, no.

JC: You've been criticized for your coverage of the Pete Rose reinstatement story, mostly because (regardless of the details at the time you reported it), whatever deal was struck between Rose and Selig never came to agreement. Are the rules for when to run a story over a primarily internet medium different than they have been in print? And are the print rules changing?

WC: I think print is dying and we've seen less and less concern for sources and even propriety. I think it varies. Does TMZ care about sources? We recently saw the NY Post run with an anonymously sourced story that their governor would resign over a sex scandal. I think all credible journalists have to be able to look at their editor and say "yes, this is the truth", but we also have to realize that in a twitter-speed world where anyone with a website can be considered a journalist that the old rules are gone. I'd run that story exactly the same way today.

Panther Baseball looking for a promising season with young team

By Jesse Cartegena
Staff Writer

You wouldn't think it seeing how there is mountains of snow on the ground, but the baseball season is just weeks away, as the Panthers begin their season on March 5th in Clearwater, Florida. This is the third year in a row the Panthers will go to Clearwater, where they will again play in the historic Jack Russell Stadium, which was the Spring Training home to the Philadelphia Phillies from 1955 to 2003.

Youth is the main word in describing the Panthers this season as they lost seniors Dave Dickerson, Casey Young, Ryan Curless, Chris Capello, John Selman, Dan McCauley, Andrew Dahman, and Chris Schultz. Schultz was the first ever first team All-American at PNC. He hit .445 with 14 home runs and 61 RBI and led the Panthers to a 31-24 record and their first ever trip to the NAIA regional in Azusa, California. In addition to losing seniors, the Panthers have also lost junior Nate Hall, (.338 I HR, 34 RBI) and Shane Breitzke (.395 2 HR, 11 RBI) to season ending knee injuries. Sophomore R.J.

Legel (4-4, 4.74 ERA 38K 57 IP) will also miss the entire 2010 season as he recovers from Tommy John surgery.

There will be many new faces on the Panthers this season, but Head Coach John Weber who is heading into his sixth year as the head coach of PNC sees an opportunity for his young players.

"Some of the opportunities that the freshman got last year will be important this year. I like the addition of some younger pitchers as well, and we'll definitely be asking them to mature quickly and adjust to the mistakes they make along the way. I think pitching will be our biggest strength along with speed, and versatility there are a lot of guys that can play multiple positions making it easy to insert guys in the lineup."

The Panthers will look to their top five starters in sophomore Kyle Ferber (2-1 16 K's, 28 IP) sophomore Tony Hoolehan (5-2, 26 K's, 36 IP) sophomore Shane Prance (1-1 16K's, 24 IP) junior Carl Chambers (John A. Logan CC) and senior Mark Myszkowski (9K, 23IP). Others pitchers looking to get some

innings on the mound are sophomore Tyler Nader, (Wheeler) and freshmen Chuck Meyers, (Whiting) Kyle Otte (Andrean) Steve Bryan, (Portage) and Trace Howard (Clark).

Catching for the Panthers this season will be sophomore Jeff Gaston who played in 18 games last year and hit two home runs. The other catcher will be Myszkowski who hit .303 last year in 17 games.

At third base this year will be junior R.J. Zambrano who finished fourth on the team last season with a .346 BA, 30 runs scored and committed only six errors at second base. At shortstop will be freshman Tyson Blattner who transferred in from Long View CC in Missouri. At second, freshmen Kyle Schiller (Portage) and Jerry Vasile (Valparaiso) will compete for playing time. At first base will be sophomore Jeff Strbjak who hit .341 with .415 OBP nine doubles, and 26 RBI and junior John Reberger (Vincennes CC).

PNC will have a lot of versatility this year, with many guys who can go from infield to outfield and vice versa. John "Bugs" Bugajski

appeared in 36 games last year for the Panthers. Transfer Nate Bryan brings a strong bat to the lineup as he hit .364 with six homers 30 RBI and .479 OBP at Ancilla CC in Plymouth. Other outfielders competing for a spot will be freshman Ryan Frost (Lake Central) and Larry Spore (Hebron).

The rest of the freshmen position players competing for a spot include infielder David Heath (Hebron), infielder Jeremy Davis (Hobart), and outfielder Stephen Ames (South Central).

Junior third baseman R.J. Zambrano like the attitude the team brings to the table, "I like the hard workers and the fact we are the true definition of a team."

Zambrano sets high standards for both himself and the team, "Winning conference is the ultimate goal for our team, and after that we believe we have a shot at going to the World Series."

"I want to break the stolen base record (currently held by John Selman) and be a positive role model for all the young guys on the team."

In addition to many new players, the Panthers also have a couple new coaches in Al Myszkowski, and Scotty Marks. Myszkowski, the older brother of senior Mark Myszkowski was the pitching coach for two years at Andrean High School in Merrillville. Myszkowski helped lead Andrean to a 63-4 record over the two years. He is also the lead pitching instructor at Diamond Kings Baseball Facility in St. John. Marks will assist the hitters and outfielders this season for the Panthers. Marks played for PNC in the 2007 and 2008 seasons. Along with coaching, Marks is working towards his MBA at PNC. Steve Plucinski and Dan Martin round out the coaching staff for the Panthers this season.

The Panthers are practicing this year in a new facility to prepare for the upcoming season. The Panthers have switched over to the Courts of Northwest Indiana in Chesterton that allows much more space for the team to focus on what it needs to, and to prepare for the upcoming season. The space also allows for more one on one instruction from the five coaches.

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PNC Students Offer Free Job-Search Workshops

Westville -- Purdue University North Central students in the Organizational Leadership and Supervision program - under faculty supervision - will be offering free public workshops to help persons who are unemployed or underemployed with their job searches.

The PNC students performing this service learning project developed the materials for the workshop sessions. These students have completed upper division coursework and are looking forward to careers in Human Resources. Many already have experience in the human resource field.

These meet on a rotating schedule at the following WorkForce Development Centers; La Porte, Michigan City, Portage, and Valparaiso. The workshops will feature informational presentations covering topics such as creating a cover letter and formatting it for emailing, faxing or sending through the U.S. mail. Following the informational sessions, students will offer one-on-one assistance to review documents, make recommendations for improvement and answer questions. Workshop participants will also be provided the opportunity for voluntary participation in a Job Search research project, research volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Participants are encouraged to bring electronic copies of their cover letter, resume and any other documents used in their job application process.

Participants may attend one session or all sessions and are welcome to return for the repeat sessions.

The scheduled workshops are:

La Porte WorkForce Development Center - 300 Legacy Plaza West
 Friday, March 5, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Interview Questions/Follow-up
 Friday, March 19, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Mock Interviews
 Friday, March 26, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Job Search Techniques
 Friday, April 2, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Cover Letters
 Friday, April 9, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Resume Development
 Friday, April 16, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Interview Techniques
 Friday, April 23, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Interview Questions/Follow-up
 Friday, April 30, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Mock Interviews

Michigan City WorkForce Development Center - 344 Dunes Plaza
 Friday, March 5, 10 to noon - Follow-up Techniques and Mock Interviews

Friday, March 19, 10 to 11 a.m. - Job Search Techniques

Friday, March 26, 10 to noon -

Cover Letters and Resume Development

Friday, April 2, 10 to noon - Interview Techniques and Questions

Friday, April 9, 10 to noon - Follow-up Techniques and Mock Interviews

Portage WorkForce Development Center - 1575 Adler Circle Ste. A

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 9 - 10 a.m. - Job Search Techniques

Monday, Feb. 15, 9 to 11 a.m. - Cover Letters and Resume Development

Monday, Feb. 22, 9 to 11 a.m. - Interview Techniques and Interview Questions

Monday, March 1, 9 to 11 a.m. - Follow-up Techniques and Mock Interviews

Wednesday, March 17, 9 to 10 a.m. - Job Search Techniques

Monday, March 22, 9 to 11 a.m. - Cover Letters and Resume Development

Monday, March 29, 9 to 11 a.m. - Interview Techniques and Interview Questions

Monday, April 5, 9 to 11 a.m. - Follow-up Techniques and Mock Interviews

Valparaiso WorkForce Development Center - 3100 Ivy Tech Drive

Friday, March 5, 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Follow-up Techniques and Mock Interviews

Friday, March 19, 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Job Search Techniques

Friday, March 26, 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Cover Letters

Friday, April 2, 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Resume Development

Friday, April 9, 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Interview Techniques and Interview Questions

Friday, April 16, 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Follow-up Techniques and Mock Interviews

Registration is not required, however, to register or obtain additional information, contact Ronald Brownie, assistant professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision, at 785-5200, ext. 5573 or email CEW@pnc.edu

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Brownie.

PNC Accounting Students Offer Free Tax Service

WESTVILLE - Students from Purdue University North Central tax and accounting classes are again offering free assistance to the public in preparing federal and state income tax returns. This program is designed to provide basic income tax return preparation to individuals with low to moderate incomes, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly.

Help will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays from February 20 through April 3, except March 14. The service will be in Room 171 of the Technology Building on the PNC campus. Appointments are required. Walk-ins will not be accommodated unless free time is available at the time a taxpayer arrives. A very limited amount of walk-in time is expected, therefore appointments should be requested.

This is the 21st year that PNC has participated in the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which offers free filing help to individuals and families with Gross Incomes of \$46,000 or less. Gross Income is income from all sources. Income must come from wages, salaries, tips, pensions, ordinary interest, dividends, unemployment compensation or Social Security benefits.

Thomas Holets, continuing lecturer of Accounting and coordinator of the PNC program, said the student VITA volunteers are prepared to help with basic returns, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ,

and the Indiana IT-40. Itemized deductions can be included if other qualifications are met, as can Earned Income Credit (EIC) and basic stock and bond transactions. Taxpayers are expected to participate in the e-file program, unless there is some technical reason which prevents e-filing. E-filing (electronic filing) is preferred by the IRS. It is free, quick and more secure than paper filing.

The volunteer tax preparers have completed 12 credit hours in accounting, including at least one tax course at Purdue North Central, and passed a rigorous IRS examination on tax rules and filing procedures.

The tax preparation services offered include:

Returns PNC will prepare:
 Form 1040 with Schedules A, B, L, M, EIC, & R
 Form 2441 (Child and Dependent Care Credit)
 Form 8863 (Educational Credits)
 Form 8812 (Additional Child Tax Credit)
 Indiana Tax Forms including Unified Tax Credit for the Elderly (SC-40)
 Forms PNC will not prepare:
 Schedule C (Profit & Loss from Self-Employment Business-Form 1099-Misc)
 Complicated & Advanced Schedule D (Capital Gains & Losses)
 Schedule E (Rents & Losses)
 Form 2106 (Employee Business Expenses)
 Form 3909 (Moving)

Form 8606 (Non-deductible IRA) Form 8615 (Minor's Investment Income)

Taxpayers are asked to bring to their tax preparation appointment:

1. Valid Picture ID (required) (Driver License Suggested)
2. Copies of ALL W-2, 1099 Forms, Interest Income statements, & proof of other income received by taxpayer & spouse.
3. Social Security Card (required) or Tax Identification Card (TIN) for taxpayer, spouse, and any other persons on the return (including children).
4. Copy of last year's federal & state tax returns (if available).
5. If a direct deposit is desired-bring a voided check with bank account numbers on it.
6. Amount of Property Tax paid or amount of rent paid, & landlords name/address.
7. If daycare is paid during the year, bring a statement from the daycare provider showing the providers name, address, identification number and amount paid.
8. If filing a joint return, both taxpayer and spouse must be present to sign the return when a return is e-filed.

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Fashionista discusses popular summer swim wear trends

By Brianna Armato
 Staff Writer

So what are college girls going to be wearing this year at the hottest Spring Break 2010 travel destinations? Here are some of the hottest and most popular looks in Spring Break 2010 fashion for college students.

Hottest Bikinis and Bathing Suits in 2010

Of course, bathing suits are on top of the shopping list for most college girls headed for the beach for Spring Break. Some classic styles will never go out of style, like the basic black or white bikini. But what's especially hot this year?

One of the hottest 2010 swimwear trends is the single shoulder style. These swimsuits come in both one-piece styles or as bikini tops paired with a bottom. There's nothing overtly risqué about the single shoulder look, so girls can choose this if they want something a little more modest, or they can go all out with a single shouldered micro mini.

Another popular 2010



swimwear is the cutout look. These suits look kind of like someone tried to cut snowflakes or something out of a piece of fabric, as they have large geometric holes cut at various places. Some of these suits are more revealing than others, but generally these suits are not a good choice for a girl who doesn't want to show lots of skin. They're also probably not the best choice for actual swimming.

So what about color?

When it comes to swimsuits, anything generally goes with color, and this year is no exception. Black and gray combinations are popular this year, as are bright shades of purple and wine. Floral patterns will be big in 2010 fashion in general, so for girls who want a little color, a floral swimsuit is always a good choice. Another popular pattern choice is plaid.

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PNC Returns to Peru in 2010

Join Professors Kincaid and Ziegenfuss as they return to Peru with PNC students and community members. Adding to their successful 2008 program which included a few days in the colonial city of Lima and the archeological center of the northern Peruvian coast where Dr. Kincaid has worked for years and, of course, Cuzco and Macchu Picchu, this year's program will be even better. In addition to a return to the sites listed above-WE WILL BE GOING TO CUZCO DURING INTI RAYMI, the program has added excursions to Lake Titicaca, along the Peruvian/Bolivian border, Nazca- where students will fly over the ancient Nazca lines, and Paracas- site of an archipelago of small islands that are home to a diverse assortment of marine life. For more information, contact Dr. Ken Kincaid (kkincaid@pnc.edu) or Continuing Education (785-5343).

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Members of the 2008 Peru trip pause for a picture break at Macchu Picchu.



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Meet Your Peers

Arden found niche at PNC

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Name: Aram Arden
Major: English Literature
Year: Junior
Advice: "Focus, avoid procrastinating, and prioritize; try to balance school and life."

Aram Arden is quite the unique individual. A 27-year-old nontraditional student, he specializing in English Renaissance Literature. However, getting to that point is a story within itself. He came to PNC specifically because his mother, Karen, had already been enrolled for a year and had good things to say about the campus. Stepping into a college environment was new for Aram, and like many freshmen, he began his studies with a different major in mind. Having a couple of librarians in the family, the young man planned to pursue a masters in library science. Yet, after one semester, with the encouragement of his English 101 professor, Dr. Paul Hecht, Aram decided to change his course of study in order to fully immerse himself in the literature he was most passionate about. This extends to a long term goal of obtaining a Ph.D. in his chosen genre in order to teach at a university level. Though a hard, studious road is ahead, the undergrad is prepared to see it through. Having taught Aram in numerous classes Hecht claims he is "lucky to have a student like him." He goes on stating that Aram is "a superb English student, very thoughtful, [and] an excellent writer."

Outside of the classroom Aram admits to loving road trips and roller coasters. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends. Yet, with the latter, he delves back into his love of literature. He has shared a variety of literary works with friends who were



Photo by Sarah Lasser
Arden poses with the bard in the Shakespeare Garden

not into literature in general. Helping them to discover a new enjoyment is a bright spot for Aram. It appears he possesses a passion for teaching, or sharing with others, what he enjoys most.

To prepare himself for graduate studies and to learn more about Renaissance Literature, Aram has attended a couple of conferences held on the subject. One such seminar was on poet Edmund Spenser. At the conference, graduate students and professors all read papers on Spenser's life and his works. Aram says he went to the conference not only to learn more about the poet, but also to see "what goes on in the world of specialized academic areas of interest." Having taken so much from the meeting, the young man searched out more discussions, such as the University of Chicago's conference on "Shakespeare and the Law." There, as Aram heard Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer share his extensive knowledge on the playwright, the PNC student realized that interest in Shakespeare goes beyond simply

English studies.

To fully round out his college experience, Aram has taken to acting. Never having acted before, Aram made his debut appearance his first year on campus. This year will showcase his fourth performance in the upcoming PNC production of "Julius Caesar." Aram will play the part of Marc Antony. Acting will be students Jon Meyer (as the conspirator Brutus) and Kylie Werno (as Brutus' wife). Faculty member Dr. Jason Curtis joins in to be assassinated on stage as Julius Caesar. Hecht, the director of the production, comments graciously on Aram's performance: "He seems to have a deep sense the potential and of the power of the works. His approach really reflects that." The play will open the third week in April at the Mainstreet Theater (807 Franklin St., Michigan City). Curtain call for Friday and Saturday performances (April 17, 23, and 24) will be at 8 p.m., with a special Sunday performance on the 18th at 2 p.m.

PNC Appoints Stephen R. Turner as Vice Chancellor

WESTVILLE – Purdue University North Central Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin has announced the appointment of Stephen R. Turner as PNC vice chancellor for Administration. This appointment is subject to ratification by the Purdue University Board of Trustees at its meeting at PNC on Friday, April 9. Turner has served the university as interim vice chancellor since January 1, 2009, following the retirement of Vice Chancellor William Back. He started his career at Purdue North Central in 1998 as director of Physical Plant. He became assistant vice chancellor in 2004 and associate vice chancellor in 2007.

As vice chancellor for Administration, Turner will become the chief financial officer for the campus and assume responsibility for planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating the campus fiscal operations. He will direct the physical plant operations, which includes campus safety and security, utilities, maintenance, building services, grounds and administration. He will oversee budget and business services, human resources and payroll, facilities planning and projects, information services operations and be a liaison between PNC and the Purdue Research Foundation.

"It is my honor to welcome Steve as vice chancellor of Administration," said Dworkin. "Steve brings to this position a wealth of knowledge about campus operations and physical facilities. During the past year, he has done an excellent job in his interim appointment and I am confident that he will continue to do an excellent job for PNC and Purdue University. Steve will face many challenges in the coming weeks and months as the campus

deals with budgetary issues. He will also provide valuable leadership as we move forward with construction of the new Student Services and Activities Complex."

PNC conducted a national search to fill this position. Candidates participated in the interview process with representatives from the North Central and West Lafayette campus.

"Steve has a long history of accomplishments with Purdue North Central. Purdue North Central is a growing campus with ambitious plans for the future. Steve's knowledge, experience and tremendous enthusiasm for the job will serve him well as he steps forward at PNC during this critical time," said James S. Almond, Purdue University senior vice president for Business Services and assistant treasurer.

Turner earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University, and has a master's degree from Western Michigan University. He earned his MBA from the Purdue University Krannert School of Management.

A Merrillville native and current resident of Valparaiso, Turner is a former member of the School City of Hobart Board of Trustees, served on the Hobart Family YMCA Board of Directors, is Distinguished Past President of the Hobart Kiwanis and past president of the Porter County Salvation Army Advisory Board.

He is a member of the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, Portage Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of College and University Business Officials and currently serves as chairman of the board of directors for the South Coast Conservancy District.

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Commentary

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Spring Break at home is safer choice for one editor

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

Call me a loser, but I never had the ability to go somewhere sunny and warm for spring break. I never made it down to Florida or Cancun like the rest of the college population, but I always had a nice break. Watching the news recap during and post spring break made me think there was some logic to my absence.

During my spring break while sitting at the house eating breakfast and catching some nonsense from The View, I flipped the channel to CNN. CNN tells me everything I need to know for the day. I like to be updated. The story they were currently focusing on was something over spring breakers. Basically, the story discussed the dangers associated with young adults not only traveling on their own, but acting irresponsibly in the meantime.

The story interviewed several young girls who had been in clubs and defeated the fight against potential rapists. One girl commented

that she was quickly done with her trip after fighting off a man her father's age who had attacked her. The count at the time had reported six rapes somewhere in Florida. That is definitely not something I would want to deal with when trying to have a vacation. Doesn't anyone remember the case of Natalie Holloway in Aruba?

I understand people just want to have fun, but most 'kids' just want to go and have fun without thinking about the dangers they encompass. Drinking combined with mistrust in people you associate yourself with leads to bad circumstances. We are adults now; let's be careful and use our heads!

In short, I may not have gone anywhere for spring break, but I am still alive, clean, and certainly not traumatized. The break may be a time to travel and live it up on a trip somewhere warm, but for me, the time off to catch up on homework, sleep in, and make money working rather spend it aimlessly is the most beneficial way to spend my time off. It is better to flip through the news than end up being on it!

Efficiency: Without Trusting Each Other and Taking Control, We Get Nowhere

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

In my history at PNC, I've been in a lot of meetings. I would guess that 80% of those meetings have been about one thing, and not the thing they claimed to be, trust and control. Of those meetings, 50% were probably completely unproductive because the thing they were actually about, trust and control was completely lacking at the meeting. The productivity of each and every one of these meetings comes down to two factors. Whether or not the group having the meeting actually has any control over what it is tasked to do and whether or not the people actually in control actually place their trust in the people meeting enough to give them some control.

How much trust and control we place is always up for debate, but most days at PNC I feel like there is not enough of it in any one place for anything to get done. Not to say we do not need checks and balances or divisions of duties or great royal rulers should be running the show bit by bit. However, at some point you enter the level of what any educated individual calls micromanaging. When you spend your time micromanaging progress comes to a halt. When any one group or person has to get 10 or more signatures on a piece of paperwork for even the smallest thing, the cost of doing anything is so high, no one does anything.

I have heard a lot of people complain about apathy at our university over and over without much change. Apathy and a university's culture is a complex place that can't be controlled by any one force, but you have to start somewhere. You have to start somewhere you have control and you have to relinquish enough of your control to indicate that you trust the people around you. A prime example of this is what it takes for an organization to reserve a room on our campus. Roughly ten signatures and the coordinated efforts of no less than three or four people are what it requires. This is what happens after a supposedly trusted staff member approves an event and the space is supposedly available. A form carries itself around campus and gets signed off on by many people. We're talking about taking a not for profit's available space, with an already approved purpose, needing that much further approval.

We have an entire committee on efficiency now; this would seem a place to start. Put some trust and control into some

positions. Simply these administrative processes. Get rid of committee meetings where the committee decides things, but then has to defer to yet another source of power outside the committee to actually do what it was tasked with deciding. If we as a university put together a committee and task it with expertly doing something, that committee should have the power to actually get things done and with some expedience. If the committee has a budget, and they intend to spend some of that budget, let them. The committee has members and a head most likely that are tasked with supposedly making exactly these decisions.

The more and more a group with supposed power has to defer to other groups, not for input or needs assessment, but merely for approval and good graces, the less that gets done. When we put someone into a position that implies trust and control, we as a university should follow through on that and give them trust and control, not just the idea of it. These are the common underlying tools of truly getting things done. Arguments can go on for years about what other tools you need to be successful, but you must have control over your area and trust from the community do your task.

Examples of this lack of trust are all over our campus. In my opinion the best example is our draconian rules on promoting events and information on campus. If you visit other universities, including Purdue West Lafayette, you will see places for fliers to hang inside and out. Chalk on the sidewalks promoting upcoming events, providing political speech and providing general information. At Purdue North Central this is not allowed, and over the years I have heard any number of answers as to why. "It's unprofessional" or "it detracts from the campus aesthetic" top the list. If these things were true, I am shocked at how ahead of the game PNC is when the rest of the nation allows it and must be suffering from the epidemic.

Our landscaping comes up time and time again. No matter what department I'm in, nor where I am. "The flowers are beautiful, but they cost too much." "We should plant things that renew and survive well in our climate." Good ideas. I totally support them, unfortunately it seems after years of listening to the complaints, no one really wants to put it out there and get those changes moving. We have ecology classes, we have botany, we have biologists, we have

students, it would seem we have all the tools to change this landscaping. All the tools except trust and control in the right places. The complaints and problems of our landscaping are a physical reminder of an aesthetic of control. To win against the very nature of our environment when we could work with it instead.

I posit that the real issue is that we cling to an image and aesthetic of control. Our university does not wish to allow such free reign. Anyone could write anything on the sidewalks! How terrible. Our landscaping could become a disaster created internally if our staff and students mess it up! Would it not be better to fail in the spirit of learning, trusting, and spreading the ability to have control? It seems that if we supported each other in doing things together in both success and failure, we might all be happier and more productive than when we pretend to support each other. Success and beauty that is hated and fosters bad blood does not make for a positive environment no matter how many outsiders it impresses.

If we would give up just a little control spread it around to people and trust them with it, the levels of stress and dissatisfaction would likely plummet. The concentration of power and illusion of control is killing us in this way and many others. If our university really wants our committees and students and staff to start being more productive, we need to look at our complex system of controls and red tape and just toss some out.

Let people draw on the sidewalks and put a flier on a window. Sure, it might cost us a little bit in the short run; maybe someone will even put up something controversial. Those small short term costs are nothing in comparison the long run gains. There's one committed on campus that I estimate, using our publicly available salary data, costs roughly \$150.00 an hour to meet. That is just the wage of the people in the room, not any of the other associated costs. Imagine what could get done if instead of going through four or five approvals, they could simply cut to the chase. Imagine what we would save if there was enough trust and control put into those individuals that instead of two meetings, something could get done in one. Every time we go through a process we should question how much of the process is simply wasted moment, just so that someone, somewhere can feel like they have a little more control over something that will never cease to try to stop being controlled.

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"Gorillaz" - Plastic Beach is beach music for the sunny, surreal

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

Gorillaz just pushed their third studio album onto the street March 31, and as always it is something totally different from their earlier releases. "Plastic Beach" features the fictional band of 2D, Murdoc, Russel Hobbs, and Noodle are delivering yet another animated experience that pushes the boundaries of groups that don't actually seem to exist in reality while still managing to finally declare a world tour. The new album is bursting with cameos from Snoop Dogg, Mos Def, De La Soul, Gruff Rhys, Bobby Womack, Lou Reed and others. The album stacks consumerism and surreality with ecological messages while keeping a feeling that is better described no other way than Plastic.

The album opens with "Orchestral Intro," a wide open orchestral arrangement and the sounds of waves on the beach. Murdoc puts it best himself in his description of it as "the morphine's just gently kicking in as the listener glides into the Plastic Bay." The track glides right into "Welcome to the World of Plastic Beach" with its funky bass beats and muted synth instrument sounds topped off with Snoop Dogg and The Hypnotic Brass Ensemble from Chicago. "The revolution will be televised" the song portends while basking in a mockery of synth pop rock sounds opposed by jazz inspired brass.

The whole of the album fits the theme of sitting on a beach and just wondering and hypnotizing with oneself. It meanders through all sorts of styles moving into "White Flag" that opens with The National Orchestra for Arabic Music while at the same time busting out into a plastic simplistic synthetic rap song. This opposition of plastic pop, rap, synth pop and alternative is the hallmark of the album. "Rhinestone Eyes" brings it to a mid point with almost all plastic and simple motions that gradually build up with rap rock style vocals in the foreground, which finally puts itself up and winds down to nothing just as it began. This pulling in and out marks many of the tracks like a walk on plastic sand.

The first single and video from the album "Stylo" is planted in the middle and is probably the best track on the album. Mos Def and Bobby Womack of 2009 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame vintage are featured on the track. Womack has not been in the studio recording for quite a while, but is remembered as the writer behind some of The Rolling Stones hits. Initially unsure about collaborating with Gorillaz, Womack's daughter convinced him

to do the recording. A diabetic, he was so energetic in the studio he started to pass out. The song has a droning energy that moves along at a pace all its own pleasantly dragging you along the waves. Its mention of overpopulation and political commentary summed up in the chorus "Overload, Overload. Overload."

Womack and Mos Def were not the only talent that was tapped in conjunction with the track. Three of the members of Gorillaz are in a high speed jaunt through a ghost town and car chase in a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, but proceeding seemingly unconcerned with the speed of their travel. Suddenly they are followed by none other than Bruce Willis in a 1968 Chevrolet El Camino with an unreal massive gun. The video fits the oddly passive political jaunt perfectly in its surreal presentation of violent times.

The title track is a mix of the beginning of a lone western that meets up with Pink Floyd and The Beatles with skipping a beat or making a terrible genre mistake. Very clean and simplistic unfettered guitar riffs melt into plastic soundings that ebb and flow while still moving forward to a beat that just walk down the shore. Paul Simonon and Mick Jones from The Clash feature on the track, but the punk rock you might expect from the duo is not there, just the minor influence. The album closes out on a piece called Pirate Jet. A sea shanty, mass produced, it sounds shady and stolen and of the sea, but too pop and low key to be quite real or there. The wind down of it is an uplifting feeling of destruction to end on. "It's all good news now / Because we left the taps / Running / For a hundred years / So drink into the drink." It's another ecological political message hidden amongst this walk on a beach that just cannot seem to be real.

Looking to give "pop with depth" the album provides. It lulls the cars, send the messages and pleases, but still feels like you just bought something plastic from the \$1 bin at a truck stop that you cannot wait to hang on a wall. Inserted in there is the depth of the politics behind it. It does all this without feeling too cheap and lacking in any moment of lack of desire. What it sounds like: Owl City, Snoop Dogg, Bebop Jazz, Classical Orchestra, Gorillaz, Rap, and Pop put into a blender and mass produced in a factory in China like Warhol. Where to listen to it: on a cruise, at the beach, in the sun. When to buy it: If you like Gorillaz or the artists featured, now, otherwise preview the tracks and make sure it's not too much pop for you to stomach.

"The Last Song" is something to read not watch

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Anyone familiar with Nicholas Sparks' books is aware that the movies made from his novels usually contain extremely different elements. "The Last Song" should be no different. Opening in theaters March 31, Miley Cyrus is set to play the main protagonist, Ronnie. However, it was not actually a part she was picked to play. Rather, it was a part written for her. When Cyrus' people contacted Sparks to see what he had that would fit her, Sparks was already on his way to brainstorming a new book. With the opportunity at hand, the author took to writing the screenplay for a movie before he began work on the actual novel. "Because the screenplay and the novel were going to be

similar (at least in my version, prior to director changes), it was less odd than you might think for me to write the screenplay first," says Sparks. From this fans can deduce that after directorial changes, the book and the movie will not be one in the same.

A thick book, the pages actually fly by in an easy read. Sentimental in many parts, the novel's depth can only be seen in the ability for the reader to come to feel for the characters. With the age old cliché in mind, Sparks makes the characters come alive. He acknowledges one major contrast of the book from the movie as being the character line of Ronnie's father. "... I knew I had to develop Steve (Ronnie's father) on a much deeper level. While the novel is centered around Ronnie and Will (both teenagers), I wanted

to have a story that adults could relate to," Sparks claims. In the book, the dying father is looking for forgiveness before he leaves this world. The unconditional love he displays for his rebellious teenage daughter is touching. The injection of this story line shadows Ronnie and her boyfriend Will's story to the point of almost overtaking the novel. The change in Ronnie appears to be a direct result of the change reflected in her father's life. Missing this element, the movie sounds as if it promises to be a second rate version of the written piece put before his fans. For those who get irritated at movies for deviating from the path, it is probably best to steer clear. For those who want a fully developed plot line, read the book.

"Alice in Wonderland" style, atmosphere perfect

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

Tim Burton took a stab at another childhood favorite with his homage to Alice in Wonderland. The movie is not a retelling of the original story, but a continuation of the story in later times. Despite my usual distaste for this kind of film, Alice in Wonderland had me running to the box office. Tim Burton takes the story on with his typical surreal style and does not fail to deliver in casting fan favorite Johnny Depp in a fitting role as the Mad Hatter. The style and atmosphere are pulled off perfectly and it still manages to be child appropriate, so if you have been waiting to take the kids with you, wait no longer. With enough throw backs to the original stories and even a poetry reading fit into the movie, it serves the fan of the series while putting newcomers feeling maybe a little left out.

As Alice, Mia Wasikowska, is spot on. She pulls off a 19 year old Alice that is still the innocent and powerful girl remembered from the stories without losing the whimsical feeling of youth. In her debut Hollywood role she makes a rather good continuation of Carroll's Alice rather than a mockery, which many films in this sort of genre tend to do. That feeling that something is off, or Alice is not quite right never happens. Thankfully that moment never happens with any of the characters.

Helena Bonham Carter plays a Red Queen that is clearly out of her large gourd and out to chop off heads left and right. Anne Hathaway is a surreal White Queen that is in a world of her own while still somehow managing to participate in the events around her actively. As the Mad Hatter, Johnny Depp



pulls off the particular brand of non sequitur crazy that made the character famous right on.

The story brings Alice to Wonderland just as she is being proposed to by an unfortunate gentleman. In the first 15 minutes, there are references in abundance to the original story before we fall down the rabbit hole. The movie heads on from there in only the way Wonderland could. The movie moves in ways unexpected and at times unwarranted, but towards its resolution. The surreal events take us back to visiting the characters and places we remember, Tweedledee and Tweedledum bumbling along, a Tea Party, and a new set of fears to combat. Wonderland is appropriately dark as Carroll always made it.

Unfortunately the pacing of the

film leaves a bit to be desired. It seems like we plod between scenes and sit in places a bit too long at times. If you were expecting a rehash of the old story, it is skipped over completely and at times that will leave someone unfamiliar with the original stories quite lost. Despite these short comings the film delivers on a whimsical new trip through Wonderland that the stalwart fan is likely to enjoy.

If you want the movie to be a fast paced Tim Burton rehash of the original Alice, you are headed to a film you are unlikely to enjoy if you hold to your expectation. Headed to the theater looking for a surreal new experience with some old friends? The movie is set in the right place, with the perfect tone, style, and casting. You won't be disappointed.

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PNC, Libraries to Host "A Serious Man" Film Screenings

WESTVILLE - Public showings of the Academy Award-nominated film "A Serious Man" will be offered through a collaboration of the Purdue University North Central Odyssey 2009-10 Arts and Cultural Events Series, LaPorte County Public Library and Michigan City Public Library. The showings are free and open to the public.

Showings will be Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. at the Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St., Michigan City; Tuesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the LaPorte Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte; and on Thursday, April 22 at 6 p.m. at PNC in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. The film is rated R.

"A Serious Man" was written and directed by Academy Award-winning brothers Joel and Ethan Coen. The film earned 2010 Acad-

emy Award nominations for Best Picture and Original Screenplay.

"A Serious Man" is a black comedy set in the suburban Minneapolis Jewish community of 1967, closely mirroring the Coen's roots. The "serious" man noted in the title is Larry Gopnik, played by Michael Stuhlbarg, who earned a Golden Globe Best Actor nomination for his performance. He portrays a university professor who is married with two children and while he tries to be the best person he can be, his life unravels in a way only the Coen brothers can portray.

As he finds out his wife is leaving him for his best friend, his son is smoking pot in Hebrew School, his daughter is stealing money to pay for a nose job, his brother is sleeping on his couch and other woes continue to mount. Yet Stuhlbarg plays Gopnik as a hopeful man, not a sad sack or loser.

The "Los Angeles Times" states, "Gopnik just might be the most out-and-out normal person ever put at the center of a Coen brothers film, and his everyman status helps explain one of the film's apparent paradoxes: its ability to be intensely Jewish and speak to everyone. . . it's impossible to watch his travails without feeling they will speak to everyone who's been battered and blindsided by life's crises and wonders why."

PNC Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series features events throughout the year. A schedule can be found at www.pnc.edu. For information about this film, or any event in the Odyssey series, contact Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of Marketing and Community Relations, at ext. 5593. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Jacobi.

PNC Students Present "Courage, A Way of Life, From Youth to Age"

WESTVILLE - Purdue University North Central students will present their annual Potpourri of Literature oral interpretation program on Tuesday, April 13, at 11 a.m. and Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. The program is free and open to the public. It will last about one hour.

The Potpourri of Literature program is presented by students in the Communication 240 class, Introduction to Oral Interpretation. The class focuses on the performance of all genres of literature before an audience. Based on the traditions of Reader's Theatre, the Potpourri of Literature features "readers" with a book or script present. Selections are performed in a presentational style in an environment that does not pretend to be anything other than a performance space. The program features a theme and examples of literature supporting it.

"Courage, A Way Of Life, From Youth to Age," will present an original script written and edited by Dr. Daniel Padberg, associate professor of Communication, who teaches the Communication 240 class. This theme will be explored from three areas: the courage of youth, the courage of adults over the years, and finally the courage to

face growing old and death. Various pieces of literature will reflect upon courage, that fabric of character which no pill can produce, no persuasion can muster, that phenomenon that appears and allow mere mortals to do extraordinary things.

Performers assume a variety of personas depending on the selection. The Reader's Theatre has been a fixture at PNC since 1989 as a result of a classroom activity.

Students in the Communication 240 Introduction To Oral Interpretation class are Tommie O. Billups, East Chicago; Anna M. Boller, Michigan City; Meghan L. Buckmaster, Chesterton; Keith E. Carlson, Valparaiso; Paul T. Charpentier, Chesterton; Cynthia L. Faricelli, Hebron; Bambi L. Forker, New Buffalo; Lisa M. Gilyan-Davison, Valparaiso; Rachael A. Herbert-Varchetto, Knox; Jordon E. Jones, Valparaiso; Amy A. Kanyer, Michigan City; Keri L. Payne, LaPorte; Jason P. Pollock, Porter; Jessica L. Schroeder, Portage; Earl H. Temkin, Michigan City; Brianna K. Thomas, Westville; Charles D. Waterson, LaPorte and Adeline P. Zerkel, Wheatfield.

To obtain further information, contact Padberg at 785-5200, ext. 5384. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Padberg.

Annual Hyde Park Forum to be held April 21

WESTVILLE - The Purdue University North Central Hyde Park Forum Public Speaking Contest will be Wednesday, April 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. on campus. The 27th annual Hyde Park Forum is expected to attract 50 to 70 speakers presenting their thoughts on a variety of subjects. Many of the speakers will be students in the PNC Communication 114 class. Admission is free and open to the public. The speech topics, presentation times and rooms will be posted in Library-Student-Faculty (LSF) Building Assembly Hall, Room 02 and the southeast entrance of Schwarz Hall.

Visitors to the Hyde Park Forum are welcome to move from room to room to listen to the student speakers. There will be several speakers presenting in each room, with judges evaluating the presentations. The speeches are thought-provoking, insightful and often present new or differing points of view to the listeners.

Following the presentation of the speeches, participants and guests may go to Assembly Hall for refreshments and a 15-minute award ceremony in which all speakers are recognized.

Hyde Park Forum winners will compete in a "Speak-Off" on Friday, April 23, from noon to 1 p.m. in LSF Assembly Hall. One overall winner will be named, with several runners up. The Hyde Park Forum and Speak-Off are sponsored by the PNC Department of Communication. Additional sponsors are still being sought.

The concept for the Hyde Park Forum is loosely based on London's Hyde Park, a public park known as a gathering place for speakers who wish to state their minds on any issue. Hyde Park has gained prominence as a reference to freedom of speech and intriguing speaking. Speech topics range from commentary on current news, observations of the social or cultural climate to remarks on subjects of interest to the speaker.

Further information about the Hyde Park Forum, can be obtained by contacting Dr. Daniel Wilbur, assistant professor of Communication at ext. 5472 or by visiting the PNC Web site at www.pnc.edu/com/hydepark.html. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Wilbur.



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World News

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The World as we know it: Weird news from around the World

Compiled by Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—Four people stopped a pizza delivery man on his way to drop off a pizza this month. Luckily, the man went unmolested; as did his wallet. The four thieves, one armed with a gun, surrounded the delivery man from behind and demanded only his pizza. Enraged over the event, the man followed one of his attackers discreetly. He was able to lead police to the door where the four met up. Police arrested one of the pizza thieves while the other three barricaded themselves inside. The local SWAT team then had to be called out to infiltrate the house, where the other three were food snatchers and were caught.

GAUHATI, India—Last January The Voice reported on the German boys who were hospitalized after consuming hot peppers that were half the Scoville rating of the world's hottest pepper, the bhut jolokia (a.k.a. the ghost chili). Rated at more than 1,000,000 Scoville units, the bhut jolokia is quite harmful. So harmful, in fact, that the Indian military has decided to use it as a weapon against terror-

ism. The government is currently harvesting the hot pepper to put it into hand grenades, creating a tear gas type of weapon. Scientists are also working on turning smaller doses into a spray that can replace mace in a woman's purse. It makes one wonder how bad the guy from Man Vs. Food actually hurt after he tearfully devoured a bhut jolokia on national television.

HARTFORD, Conn. — In another botched robbery, 27-year-old Albert Bailey and his 16-year-old accomplice were sent away for bank robbery. Already on probation from a previous bank robbery in 2003, Bailey must have decided to give it another go. Unfortunately, he got a little lazy in the planning. In order to make things easy on himself, Bailey and his accomplice called in a to go order at the bank. That's right, the two phoned the People's United Bank in Bridgeport to inform them that they would be by to rob the place in ten minutes and a bag full of the bank's money should be waiting for them. Of course, a threat of bloodshed accompanied the demand. However, when local authorities met the two criminals when they showed to pick up their bag of money, neither one was

armed.

TAMPA BAY, Fla.—What is the world coming to when a monkey is given his own Facebook page. Checking in at over 36,000 friends, the Mystery Monkey of Tampa Bay has almost as many fan followers as big time mystery author James Patterson. What has he done to cause such attention from the world? The rhesus macaque monkey has been running free around Tampa Bay and surrounding counties for well over a year now. Professional animal trapper, Vernon Yates, has spent this time trying to capture the animal. Having been spotted and even shot with a tranquilizer on a couple of occasions, the intelligent monkey remains on the loose. Apparently, the rhesus macaque monkey can be quite dangerous when threatened, and spotters are told not to try to apprehend the animal. Yet, the mysterious monkey has not been reported to have harmed anyone since his first appearance in the area. It is believed that he is an escaped animal from a private owner, or possibly from the preserve in Ocala, just north of Tampa Bay, making his ancestors a couple of the monkeys imported to Florida for the old Tarzan movies.

Health Care bill passes in Congress, signed by Obama

By Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

The House of Representatives passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with a vote of 219 votes in favor and 212 votes against. Two days later, President Barack Obama officially signed the health care reform bill.

"It will take four years to implement fully many of these reforms, because we need to implement them responsibly," the President acknowledged.

According to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, it has been signed off to spend \$894 billion of American taxpayers' money.

What are some of these reforms we are paying so much for? Some of the advantages and disadvantages are listed below.

Advantages— There are a list of benefits that come along with the passing of the bill. Some of them deal with protecting Americans who are already insured. For instance, insurance policy holders will not be able to rescind insurance when a claim is made. It is now illegal for insurers to drop an individual for becoming ill. The bill also eliminates the possibility of insurers imposing limits on what they previously termed lifelong coverages.

A plus for traditional college students is that the reform pushes a national policy that everyone under the age of 27 must be allowed to remain on their parents' policies. This is one of the immediate benefits

that will be implemented within the first year. Though health coverage is now mandatory, young students and recent graduates new to the job market will not need to be financially stressed over a new bill to pay.

Disadvantages— Of course, not all college students are traditional students. In an era where President Obama has made a push for people to go back to school, PNC is just one of the many universities and colleges that have a large part of their student body being nontraditional students. These individuals, along with students of parents who are not insured, will be required to find coverages from and pay premiums to an insurance group. However, though insurance is mandatory, people can opt out of becoming covered. At a price, that is. People who above the poverty line will be charged an annual penalty of either 2.5 percent of their income or \$695 in order to remain uninsured. Individuals and families who will remain exempt from the penalty are those whose insurance rates would total to more than eight percent of their income.

There is also the fact that premiums will be made constant. Healthiness, a discriminating factor, will not be looked at to judge individuals in determining their health care premium. This means that a smoking alcoholic with chronic pains will be charged the same amount as a nonsmoking sports player.

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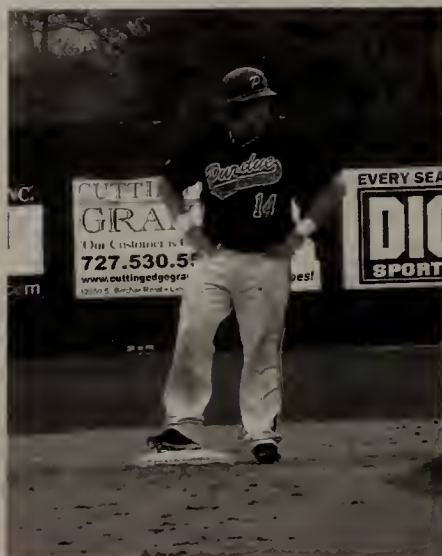
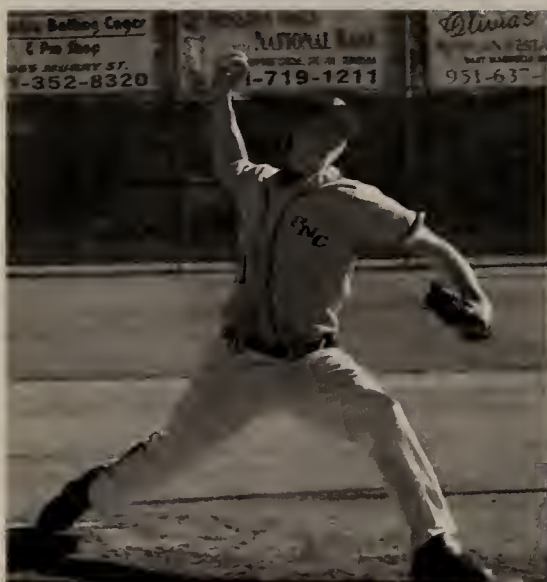


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Baseball travels to Florida for Spring Break



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Local boutique offers designer clothing at fair prices

By Brianna Armato
Staff Writer

Boutique Bio: URBAN THUNDER
19-326-SHOP (7467)

For this month's Fashion Column, I decided to do a bio on a local LaPorte boutique to ensure there are local stores out there that accommodate us, the fashion intrigued. Urban Thunder has been open since May of 2008, offering design for all ages that ranges from casual and everyday life to work attire or a night out on the town. Some of the designers they feature are LTB, J Brand, Big Star, Ed Hardy, Jessica Simpson, Local Celebrity and Michael Stars. Urban Thunder carries the most unique accessories such as rings, earrings, bags, necklaces, etc. Their product

demographic is from NY, L.A., Chicago, Dallas and Las Vegas. Urban Thunder carries men's sneakers, women's dress shoes and latest styles of sandals.

One of the unique aspects of this boutique is that the buyer/manager, Ashley Salo strives to only buy a certain number of sizes in certain styles; in order to maintain the perspective that not everyone in town will be wearing the same things. Urban Thunder gets weekly shipments so they are always getting in the newest fashions. Also, be sure to check out their fashion shows they put on two times a year as a preview of what they carry—these shows are featured in New Buffalo, MI on Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend. One thing I thought was impressive is that unlike any other boutique that has only their business in mind, Urban Thunder helps out their com-

munity by offering fundraisers for certain events because they believe in helping out.

For all of you looking to find the latest Bridal Fashions, Urban Thunder has kept you in mind as well. Log onto their website, shopurbanthunder.com to get more info on this edgy store— you can find information about their T-Shirt deli where you can design your own shirts, and their fun photo booth located inside their store! Their store motto is: "Clothing for the way you live!" Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 10 am to 6 pm. I have personally shopped here many times and love it! I would recommend this shop to everyone who likes to stay in style and remain unique. I have a wide range of their collections from jeans to dresses and they are of the best quality and fairly priced.

PNC Center for Science, Mathematics Education

Westville – The Purdue University North Central College of Science has established the Center for Science and Mathematics Education to enhance and support science and math education in Northern Indiana.

Under the direction of Dr. Rosa Rivera-Hainaj, PNC assistant professor of Chemistry, the center will serve as a liaison with the community to promote education in science and math and become a resource for area teachers to enhance their teaching and provide additional tools for them to utilize in their classrooms. The center will also host professional workshops for science teachers. Parents who home school their children are invited to make use of this valuable resource.

"This center is one of the many exciting projects at PNC for teach-

ers, parents and students of the region," said Rivera-Hainaj. "We aim to help close the gap in science and math education and help prepare students in these areas."

As a completely self-funded entity, the center will also seek to identify and secure funding for these collaborations. A community taskforce of representatives of regional schools and school districts will help to guide the center and suggest ways for it to meet its objectives.

PNC faculty members have volunteered to be part of the center's executive board, including: Dr. Vanessa Quinn, assistant professor of Biology; Dr. Sharon Jenkins, assistant professor of Chemistry; Dr. David Feikes, professor of Mathematics; Dr. Aaron Warren, assistant professor of Physics; Dr. David Pratt, associate professor of Education and Dr. Keith Schwingendorf,

dean, College of Science (ex-officio).

A website will soon be developed for the center that will serve as an educational resource, source of information and point of contact for teachers and community members.

The center will also establish a "science store" for teachers. Math and science teachers will have the opportunity to rent education kits for use in their classrooms. These kits will be designed based on the Indiana Academic Standards and teachers who intend to use the kits will be required to attend a training workshop prior to leasing the kits. A nominal fee will be charged to cover the cost of consumables.

Further information about the center can be obtained by contacting Rivera-Hainaj at rhainaj@pnc.edu

PNC International-Multi-Cultural Week Speaker on Campus

Westville – Purdue University North Central will open its International-Multi-Cultural Week celebration on Monday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. in Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02 with guest speaker Judy Lorimer. This event is free and open to the public.

Lorimer will speak about the "Build a School in Africa" program, an organization dedicated to building schools and bringing education opportunities to African children. Lorimer, a retired kindergarten teacher, is project director for "Build a School in Africa" and is responsible for the construction of five new schools in Africa. She travels to Africa twice a year, and while she does not physically build the schools, she works with educating children about nutrition, gardening and other essentials. She will include a brief film presentation on the six schools that she has built in Mali, Africa and will be bringing African artifacts to display from her travels.

There will be time for questions from the audience.

Every year Lorimer, of Massachusetts, funds \$10,000 for the "Build a School in Africa" foundation with money she raises. Her goal is to build one school a year.

The schools cost about \$30,000 to build and are funded solely through contributions. Lorimer is careful to ensure that the school buildings reflect their village and that members of the community are involved in the planning and construction of the school.

The PNC Social Work Club will present her with a donation to help with the current project of building another school in Mali, Africa. This is one of several projects undertaken by the Social Work club this academic year. Other projects have included raising money for Dunbrook, a children's advocacy center in Michigan City, sending packages to Marines in Afghanistan and presenting holiday gifts to families in Michigan City.

Lorimer will be guest lecturer the class, Social Work 359: Macro Practice: Human Service Organizations and the Community. She will review the students' efforts in their class project of a school in Africa. While this is a proposed design and not an actual school or program, the students are learning the process of creating a school in an area without such a facility.

Lorimer will visit other classes on campus to speak to students and answer questions about her efforts in Africa.

PNC Sets Veterans Awareness Month Activities

Westville – Purdue University North Central has designated April as Veterans Awareness Month and has scheduled a series of informational activities that will help veterans, their families, friends and PNC faculty and staff become more familiar with the unique needs of veterans, enhancing the veterans' experience at PNC. All events are free and open to the public. There will be time for questions, answers and conversation at each presentation.

On April 5 from noon to 1 p.m. in LSF Building Assembly Hall, Room 02, Belinda Huley, PNC Student Support Services Disabilities Services coordinator will discuss "Special Accommodations for Veterans at PNC."

On April 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in LSF Building Assembly Hall, Room 02, Dr. John Schupp, of Cleveland State University will make the presentation, "The New Veteran on College Campuses, How We Can Make A Difference. Best Practices in Veterans Education." Schupp, who teaches chemical engineering at Cleveland State University, is the creator and director of the Supportive Education for the Returning Veteran (SERV) program at Cleveland State. He developed the program in 2007 to help veterans with their transition from the military to civilian life.

On April 26, from noon to 1 p.m. in LSF Building Assembly

Hall, Room 02, Kevin Beatty, counselor and team member of the Northwest Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs will speak about "Services Available in Northwest Indiana for Veterans."

PNC also offers a Veterans Club open to all students, faculty and staff who are veterans. The club meets regularly and offers opportunities to meet fellow veterans, network and get know others of similar interests and backgrounds. Club activities are ongoing.

The Veterans Awareness Month activities and The Veterans Club are made possible through a "Strengthening Educational Services for Veterans at PNC" grant that will help ensure that veterans have access to higher education and that PNC applies the best practices in veteran education.

Veterans may obtain more information about these programs by contacting Lawrence Barrett, PNC vice chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services, at 785-5200, ext. 5730, or email lbarrett@pnc.edu.

Veterans who want to learn more about becoming a student at Purdue North Central may obtain information at 785-5200, ext. 5505 or admissions@pnc.edu. Special campus tours will be offered for veterans beginning in April. An appointment can be arranged by calling ext. 5505.

F.A.C.E. Committee taking students to Cubs game

Purdue North Central's F.A.C.E. Committee (Fine Arts Convocations and Events) is traveling to Wrigley Field on Sunday May 16, 2010 for the 1:20 PM game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tickets and travel arrangements will be covered as a package deal for \$15 per student. This deal is only valid for students who agree to travel on the designated bus assigned for this event. All tickets for this game are bleacher area seats and the bus for this game will be leaving the PNC parking lot around 9 AM on game day. The limit is one ticket per student and the deadline to reserve a seat is April 1st. After this date all remaining tickets will be opened up to all PNC staff and Faculty. Come see Student Activities and Athletics Coordinator Tom Alfrano in room LSF 80 to reserve your ticket today. Seats are limited!

The Voice

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The PNC student newspaper is seeking people for the following paid positions to be filled for the 2010-2011 academic year:

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Please e-mail thevoice@pnc.edu for further details. The informational meeting, interviewing process, and hiring will be completed by the end of the current school year. All those interested are encouraged to apply.

PNC Travels back to Peru

Join Professors Kincaid and Ziengenfus as they return with PNC students and community members. Adding to their successful 2008 program which included a few days in the colonial city of Lima and the archeological center of the northern Peruvian coast where Dr. Kincaid has worked for years and, of course, Cuzco and Macchu Picchu, this year's program will be even better. In addition to a return to the sites listed below--WE WILL BE GOING TO CUZCO DURING INTI RAYMI, the program has added excursions to Lake Titicaca, along the Peruvian/Bolivian border, Nazca--where students will fly over the ancient Nazca lines, the Paracas--site of an archipelago of small islands that are home to a diverse assortment of marine life. For more information, contact Dr. Kincaid (kkincaid@pnc.edu) or Continuing Education (785-5343)

2010 Highlights Include:

Lima (museums, cultural programs, university visits, mural projects)

Northern Peru- Trujillo, Lambayeque, Parcora (archeological sites, excavations, community visits, regional traditions, community services, forest reserves, environmental and social NGOs, construction and culinary workshops, live Andean music)

Central Peru- Nazca lines, Paracas Islands, Ica
Piso capital

Highland and Southern Peru- Valley of the Incas, Cuzco, Macchu Picchu, Sacsahuayman, Awanacancha, Ollantaytambo, Incan Planetariums, Juliaca, Puno Lake Titicaca



Members of the 2008 Peru trip pause for a picture break at Macchu Picchu.

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Students enjoy Pounce Week Activities

Annual Potpourri of Literature a success

By Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

The students of Communication 240 presented the annual Potpourri of Literature presentation for 2010. The performance was entitled, "Courage, a way of life, from youth to age." The material focused on inspirational pieces of literature through the years such as works from *The Phantom of the Opera* by Andrew Lloyd Webber and even excerpts from *Steel Magnolia*.

There were also many readings from various writers entitled "courage." Some of those writers in particular were Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Anne Sexton, and Robert William Service.

A few of the readings touched on the journey of leaving home, being brave into the night, and hav-

ing courage with opportunities given. Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, and Ralph Waldo Emerson were a few of the more infamous writers featured within the program. The class closed the program with the *Man of La Mancha* "To Dream the Impossible Dream."

Dr. Daniel L. Padberg edited the script and instructed/directed the class presentation. Students who participated were as follows: Tommie D. Billups, Anna M. Boller, Meghan L. Buckmaster, Keith E. Carlson, Paul T. Charpentier, Cynthia L. Faricelli, Bambi L. Forker, Lisa M. Gilyan-Davidson, Rachael A. Herbert-Varchetto, Jordon E. Jones, Amy A. Kanyer, Keri L. Payne, Jason P. Pollock, Jessica L. Schroeder, Earl H. Temkin, Brianna K. Thomas, Charles D. Watterson and Adeline P. Zerkel.



Above: On Monday Comedian and Magician Michael Kent amazed students with his magic.

Below: On Wednesday Vice Chancellor Larry Barrett flipped burgers to feed hungry students as Keri Marrs-Barron looks on.

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Students in COM 240 prepare for the Reader's Theatre.

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Commentary

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The time has come: Reminiscing on four years

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Editor

At last my time has come. Ever since the beginning of my reign as editor I have planned my last editorial. I felt like it would be a time for me to expose some of my observations that I have made in the four years that I have spent as a student at PNC.

I have seen a great divide in the way that students are treated on campus. I have seen some professors and faculty go out of their way to help students in any way that they can. I have had the pleasure of being under the guidance of a very well-rounded department in which I can honestly say that each of the faculty members have helped to shape my education in a profound way.

Each of the members of the department have passed along (at times intentionally and unintentionally) nuggets of wisdom and life lessons that I will carry with me through the rest of my life.

I have also seen the inverse. I was once working on a project uti-

lizing the one and only computer (at the time) for video editing. When, out of nowhere an unnamed faculty member rushed in and demanded that they be able to use the computer for some "very important business". Needless to say I did not give up the computer but I came away from the whole incident feeling rather shocked. I was under, what I thought astute, assumption that student work came before the professional development of a faculty member.

Another situation that made me think about the pompousness of some of the faculty occurred when I was working on yet another project for a video class. My group and I were to interview a faculty member on a subject assigned to us but before we were able to interview that person we were made to sign a waiver saying that we would not use the interview maliciously. The fact that someone would feel like a student would purposefully interview someone just to use it for malicious purposes was (and still) completely and utterly unfathomable.

I have also made several observations about the students here at PNC. Last year I wrote a scathing editorial regarding apathy on campus in which I attacked students who were not involved. I have to say that I have completely changed my views on this issue. In the past year I have witnessed a lack of support for student activities not only by students but also by some faculty members. This is not to say that I place the blame for this on faculty or staff but I just thought it an interesting twist. There is a group of students who are involved in many things on campus and off and I just feel like the campus and the students would be much better off if the participation was spread more evenly.

Overall, I have to say that my experience here at PNC has molded me into a better person, namely because of all of the experiences that I have had. I am sure that had I gone to another university I would not have been afforded many of the same opportunities and connections that PNC has thus allowed and for that I am grateful.

I am also grateful for all of the friends that I have made and the lessons that I have learned.

So Long & Thanks For All The Fish

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

In the Spring of 2005, I went back to school. I came to Purdue University North Central because it was local and seemed like it would be an easy fit. Over the 4 years I've spent here, (yes, 4 not 10) I've met a lot of people along the way. I have many people to thank for what has opened a lot of doors for a college dropout that was working three part-time jobs to stay afloat. It was a huge leap of faith for me to go all in and be willing to do whatever it was going to take to graduate, no matter what. So, in place of my usual rant about where we need to improve, I'm here to remind us all of what we have already built.

I entered PNC as a transfer student from a former life at Ball State as a music engineering technology and physics major. I did not expect much from PNC, just a springboard to transfer somewhere else after some prerequisites were out of the way. My first semester was all intro classes, I had little connection to the campus at the time, but I met quite a few people that proved to me PNC might just be a place worth staying. Dr. Marek Suszko provided a modern western history class that had a heart and experience behind it. Having emigrated from Poland, there were tears in his eyes while he lectured about the Holocaust and mentioned the impacts upon his life and the family he lost. On another day, we discussed the historical impacts of mullets in European culture during the '70s. It was both the experience of powerful emotion and good fun.

In later semesters, I managed to pick up another course he was teaching, Russian history. Along with his extensive knowledge of the topic that he passed on, there were stories of day trips into Russia from communist Poland to make a few dollars selling the Russian kids cheap sunglasses. The content of our lecture was almost all history Dr. Suszko had witnessed and learned firsthand with footnotes from our text. It was a wonderful. I also met Keith Peffers in that first semester, a man whom I would be employed by in some form or another for the entirety of my PNC career. Keith is probably the nicest boss I've ever had. He is always willing to give someone a second try, let bygones be bygones and move along under the radar getting things done with a moment to breathe. It's one of the few environments I've worked in where I felt like my well being was something my supervisor was very seriously concerned about no matter how it impacted him. He's also a person who barely ever says no. He will find a way to do anything within reason on as little funding as possible with no notice.

The last thing to mention in that first semester was an incident in my Intro to Philosophy class. Some people might say I'm willing to question just about anyone or anything. And a question I posed landed me in the Dean of Students office, to make a long story short. That is how I met Dean John Coggins and learned of his even-keeled paternal ways. The issue at the

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Facebook Friends

Should you add your parents?

by Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

This month's rant got me thinking. What to write about? As I daydreamed and avoided the real task at hand, I got on Facebook. Scrolling through, I noticed my uncle had updated his status as well as my great-aunt. This got me thinking. It is all fine and dandy that I have them as friends on Facebook, but now I do not really have the freedom and room to keep the privacy of things with my friends solely with them through talks and photos on this site, as long as I have family seeing my page.

I then looked onto MSN as I always do for the latest news. I saw that NBC's Janet Shamlian had put together a news package of a story on a father and son having an online relationship/friendship through Facebook. She talked on the problems involved with having your parents on Facebook relating the relationship as an invasion of their "diary." She

studied a twenty-something man who had accepted his father's friend request. His father put up old photos of his son, ones when he was a child. Some of the photos were of him in the nude trying to potty-train. These are normal photos for a parent to document for the baby book, but not necessarily for the Facebook page. The son thought the act was to embarrass him rather exploit him or even praise him, so he broke up with his father online and deleted him as a friend. This begs the question, how far should parents really go to get involved with their children's lives?

For myself, it is nice to hear from my aunts and uncles who I do not see let alone talk to everyday. If I want them not to see certain things such as silly photos with my friends, I will set privacy settings that will permit them from doing so. Facebook is entirely manageable, if you know how to use it. Luckily, I have not yet had my parents jump on the band-

wagon and signed onto a Facebook account. Yes, it is a great way to get in touch with old friends and family so one can stay in the loop. However, I remember the days when I was in high school and had wanted a Facebook account but couldn't because it was a college member only site. A person signing onto create an account had to have a college e-mail address. Now, anyone can join which has made this site grow into the marketable, accessible site it is today.

I don't think I will have Facebook for the rest of my days, because eventually, I am hoping I will grow out of it. Until then, I recommend to those who have their parents, aunts and uncles, even siblings adding them to Facebook to watch the things you put online such as your photos and status, because when you think no one is looking, chances are, they are checking your page.

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PNC Players Presented Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar"

by Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

Opening night of the PNC's annual play found a minimal yet rapt audience in attendance. Filling almost half of the Main Street Theater in Michigan City, the PNC Players performed their version of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar." Under the direction of PNC's assistant professor of English, Dr. Paul Hecht, the Players utilized directorial adaptations from the original work. The Shakespearean part of the male Lord Cassius was adapted to fit female Player Abigail Schmidt. A difficult part to play due to numerous lines to memorize and the fact she had to present herself as a Lord in what was historically a male dominated society, Schmidt was able to hold her own in her first Shakespearean production.

Another more modern take on the original was the fact that Hecht decided to use a heavy metal backdrop to the mob scenes. Creating an atmosphere of rage

and violence, the modern music set the tone for the ancient joke between the mob and Cinna, the poet. The unfortunate artist is found in the street by the mob, and attacked because he bears the name of Cinna, which was the name of one of the conspirators to assassinate Caesar. The death metal revs up once more as Cinna, played by Tom O'Neill, is struck in the face by fellow Player Jordan Hart as the crazed mob condemns the man for simply sharing the same name as a conspirator. Crazy as it all sounds, O'Neill is able to admit that he "finds the experience of being torn to pieces by a raging mob surprisingly enjoyable."

Yet with all of the modernization, the audience is reminded it is Shakespearean theater being presented when Marc Antony takes the stage. Played by Aram Arden, Antony has quite a few speeches in the play. Arden shines forth in his role commanding the audiences' attention with his impeccable performance. With a deep voice that rings through the audi-

torium, Arden emits a great passion vocally as he mimics the feeling in his physical gestures. His deep understanding of the ancient language allows his words to flow freely and, at times, seemingly unrehearsed.

Another actor appearing to have the mindset of his character was Jason Curtis. Having performed as the King of Scotland in "Macbeth" (PNC's 2009 production), Curtis reprised his royal authority this year as Julius Caesar. With unrestricted and natural movements, Curtis' stage performance was superb. His voice, though not deep and rough with passion, fit Caesar's character so well it was as if fictional man had come alive upon the stage.

Unable to mention the merits of the entire cast ensemble, the fellow Players to perform were as follows: Karen Arden, Mark Benoit, Corinne, Jennifer Eubanks, Jonathon Meyers, Holly Trott, and Kylie Werno. The play was also staged thanks to the help of Rob Clearfield working on the



Caesar (Jason Curtis) is stabbed by assassin Brutus (Jonathon Meyers) as fellow conspirators await their turn.

music and sound design as well as Denise Curtis who acted as stage manager among other job descriptions. It was obviously a great team effort that pulled the performance together. Denise Curtis claims that she "has nothing but love for the cast, despite their manic and unpredictable ways."

Eubanks admits that "wonderful and silly times have surfaced, but a strong sense of family has developed... it has been a blast!" With three more performances to go, the PNC Players will be putting on their last performance of "Julius Caesar" on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

"Hot Tub Time Machine" definitely worth one viewing

By Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Contributor

In a long line of humorous one liner movies, Hot Tub Time Machine delivers the laughs without pretense of moral lessons and without the typical storied perfection that plagues movies of the genre. It's a standard story of a group of guys trying to relive their glory days and find some direction. The simple premise that seems like it would be too simple to make anything of consequence delivers because the movie is not as predictable as the average one liner film. John Cusack as Adam, Craig Robinson as Nick Webber-Agnou and Rob Corddry as Lou are all tossed back into the 80's in their favorite old hangout, Kodiak Valley Ski Resort, along with Adam's nephew Jacob, played by Clark Duke through a time traveling hot tub. They are tossed from the current day run down Kodiak Valley into the rocking eighties resort of their memories.

It's a lot like watching The Hangover with a bit of accidental time travel, except everything isn't perfect. They all make a lot of the same mistakes they made, they try to change the future and it doesn't work, there is no perfection to this time travel comedy flick. These guys are looking for direction and reinvigoration for their lives and they are not about to find it in a tight little storyline that moves along a typical comedic path. The

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story bounces to and fro just like a day in real life without so many connections and just when it looks like things are going to fix themselves, everything is still broken.

The sound track and setting are a nostalgic joyride for anyone who remembers the 80s or just makes fun of them. The music is cut out with the Safety Dance, 80's dance music, hair rock and a poison tribute band. Side ponytails and leg warmers are everywhere and our boys are headed through it laughing all the time. With the one-liners flying at full pace, the movie is generally devoid of trying to have any moral rants or overarching lesson. It is all about four guys trying to have a good time like they did in the past and bumbling the whole way along, just like they did the first time around.

Chevy Chase plays a bit part that he is perfect for. As the a hotel repairman, he seems to be in control of the time travel device, but just plays it off and messes with our four travelers the whole way. Throughout the story he pops in for a moment at a time to taunt them in their attempts to get back to the present day. It fits right in with the quick pace that never seems to stay in one place for every long. The life of four male drama queens of the 80s, this film has nothing in it but comedic wins.

If you liked The Hangover or Men Who Stare at Goats, buy a ticket and take a date. If one line quotable comedy is not the kind of ship you like to sail, this boat is not for you. I doubt the film is worth watching more than two or three times, but it is definitely worth that.

Summer Shades a fashion statement of the future

By Brianna Armato
Staff Writer

Sunglass trends have slowly been evolving into a thing of the future over the past couple years, and who's to blame for that is hard to determine.

It may have all started in 2008 with Kanye West's "Glow In The Dark" tour where he made popular the Shutter Shades. The Shutter Shades which are made of plastic, resemble window blinds, and come in many colors were a look that many people clunged to and many people also shunned for being just plain ridiculous.

Since the Shutter Shades, we've seen the sunglass trend go from one extreme to another. In 2009, celebrity eyewear designer and stylist Steven C. Strawder came blazing with summer heat with his "Stevie Boi" collection leaving the urban fashion scene lit up with joy from how HOT and quite unique his designs were.

Celebrities including Rihanna, Lady GaGa, and Beyonce (just to name a few) have all been seen

rocking a pair of Stevie Boi sunglasses.

Other well established eyewear designers such as Linda Farrow who is said to be in collaboration with Lady Gaga for her own eyewear collection, and Kerin Rose who has been feeding several celebrities with a variety of different looks from her a-morir line, have surely helped contribute to this fast growing futuristic sunglass trend.

Mercura NYC is another collection that can't go without notice. Mercura eyewear creates some of the most artistic and extravagant eyewear that one may have ever seen.

Sunglass Hut has the best selection from Juicy Couture to Oakley. I like SPY, and Dolce & Gabbana because they range from an athletic appeal to a classy look that goes with everything! Sunglasses are an accessory to add to any outfit just like jewelry and what is even better? THEY PROTECT YOUR PEEPERS!!!

Rock em' out & Happy Summer :)



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Multicultural Club sponsors week of Events to promote Multiculturalism, education

By Lyndsie Daikhi
Editor

Judy Lorimer visited PNC during the Multicultural Club's Multicultural Education Week. Lorimer first gained national recognition when a story about her trips to Africa to help build schools appeared on CNN.

Lorimer first became involved in Africa when she began taking African dance classes soon after her retirement as a teacher in Massachusetts. Lorimer first travelled to Senegal in 1995 and from there she sponsored a child.

In 2002, Lorimer was approached by Kyla McKenna who had, as a part of her Senior Humanities Project wanted to raise money to build a school in Africa.

Lorimer's organization, "Build a School in Africa" built its first school in 2005 as a result of a partnership with Save the Children. Lorimer volunteered for one month in the Kolondieba District in Mali on that build and her organization has since built five schools to help children overcome Mali's most



pressing problem, lack of education.

PNC's Social Work Club President Chip Cotman was on hand to present Lorimer with a donation of \$1000 to help with building a school.

Photo by: Lyndsie Daikhi

Judy Lorimer discusses her trips to Africa donned in traditional African clothes.



Photo by: Lyndsie Daikhi

Lorimer displayed artwork from all of the different areas that she has visited in her travels to Africa.

PNC professor discusses trip to Jerusalem as "beautiful"

by Kayla Mrozinske
Associate Editor

On April 13th, the Multiculturalism club kicked off the second day of their multiculturalism week. Assistant professor of Nursing, Bobbi Herron, spoke on the healthcare going on in Egypt. She spent some time there, and shared with roughly 45 students the things she endured during her travels.

In Israel, Herron was able to see the Jordan River where people are often baptized. She also was able to sneak a shot of a holy and sacred building in Israel. Her journeys led her to the city of Haifa, which she referred to as the "world headquarters." In Duze Home, Arab and Jewish cultures come together in houses with vast living areas in which the walls are surrounded by couches. Hummus and flatbreads are often eaten during the congregation in these rooms.

Herron also explored the Akko which was once entirely covered with earth. Mountains stand beside the Akko which shows reference of ruins that was once entirely covered. The city was once a leading port in the

Middle East, dating back to 1504 BCE. Crusader, Muslim and Ottoman conquerors explored those remnants. Akko was incorporated into the empire of Alexander the Great after his 332 BCE conquest. The Mamluks of 1291 destroyed the city when they invaded it killing every remaining crusader. This put an end to the Latin Kingdom.

Jerusalem was Herron's next stop during her journey, specifically to Mount of Olives. The place has distinct squared grave-stones where prices range in the millions to be buried there. This spot is so valued and pricey because of its sacredness in the holy land. Mohammad is believed to come back, in the Muslim religion, to bring those who are buried in the graveyard with him. This was an interesting, almost spooky part of the presentation.

Herron closed with her destination to Bet-She'an. These were some of the ruins in Rome that too were under earth at one point. Vast pillars held the roofs up that resembled typical, Roman architecture that we are familiar with today. This was a very populated, busy part of Rome. Herron quoted this spot to have been "a beautiful site to see."



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The World as we know it: Weird news from around the World

by Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

COPENHAGEN, Denmark—The Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers, a hotel in Copenhagen, is supporting physical fitness and going green at the same time. Already sporting a solar paneled electrical generation system, the hotel plans to make it pedal-powered. Two stationary bicycles are to be installed so that guests may ride to power the hotel. Why would a guest want to do this? Well, if someone can produce more electricity than the solar generator, he or she will be given a free meal from the hotel restaurant or bar.

BERKEA, Mo.—St. Louis is getting greener! The city has gotten approval for the environmentally friendly idea of paving a certain road with Miss Piggy's droppings. That's right, recycled pig manure is to be used as an asphalt binder and laid down on a road on the outskirts of the city. This unique idea will not only help the envi-

ronment by replacing oil binders in asphalt, but will also pull in a nice revenue for pig farmers. The United States Environmental Protection Agency is keeping tabs on the city's newest project, perhaps to encourage the use of pig crap on more streets in America.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—Going to a library is not just a thing for nerds or people who cannot afford to buy their own books. According to the oldest library in New York City, various books had been checked out by quite a few of our founding fathers. Unfortunately, some books never get returned. Apparently, while president, George Washington checked out two books, one being a book on international relations entitled "Law of Nations," that he never returned. Both of these books are floating around somewhere in the world, unknown to any what they truly are.

ROCK HILLS, S.C.—Ever been annoyed by neighbors who play

their music too loud? A motel guest found himself in such a situation while in South Carolina. Apparently after arguing with the man next door, Tony Smith, the guest felt all was settled. That is, until Smith came up to him hours after the argument and smacked him in the face with his 4-foot python. The snake's head bashed into the guests face. Smith was taken to the local jail on charges of assault and battery.

TRACY CITY, Tenn.—On April 14, 2010, it was officially reported that Carl Robin Geary was elected mayor of Tracy City, Tenn. He won by a landslide of 268 votes to his opponent's 85 votes. The odd thing is, Geary died a few weeks before election day. Thus, the city now has a dead man as their mayor. Why the man was still on the ballot is a bit confusing, yet it is clear that the citizens of Tracy City have unwisely cast their votes. The resulting action will be the city council appointing a mayor for the next four years, one who the city will not have a choice in putting into office.

Eruption of Icelandic volcano causes international issues

by Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

On March 20, 2010, the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland began to show subtle signs of activity. Not much later, bursts of lava would begin to spout from the volcanic opening. Fiery explosions shot up to impress onlookers. Running down Eyjafjallajökull's walls, the lava smeared the volcano in lines approximately 65 feet wide. Tourists in Iceland were enthralled as the spectacle became so popular excursions near the volcano were conducted. However, the din did die down until April 14, when Eyjafjallajökull erupted for a second time. This recent eruption has led to national chaos as most of Europe has felt the effects.

Sitting on glaciers, Eyjafjallajökull's resulting lava caused melted a lot of ice, creating a great deal of flooding. Waters have risen to envelope the city's main bridge during big wave, however it was not inundated for long. Once the waters quieted, the bridge could be seen again. Residents of the Eyjafjallajökull area have been evacuated due to the dangers of the created wave, but also because of the perilous glacier fragments that are carried by the water.

As if the flooding were not enough, the smoke and the steam emitted from the volcanic opening

pose an equal hazard, albeit one for those in higher altitudes rather than those on the ground. British airports grounded all planes as the nearby country feared for the safety of its travelers on Thursday, April 15. As the ash continued to move onward, many French airports, including those in Paris, decided to defer flights to a later time. Sunday, April 18, airports from Zurich to Glasgow to the northern Helsinki were still closed with no incoming or departing flights. This affects travelers from around the world as just from Europe. President Obama was set to attend the funeral of Polish President Lech Kaczynski on April 18, yet was unable to take the flight into Poland.

International airlines have released an estimated loss that totals to about one billion American dollars. Having lost so much business, airports have begun sending up test flights. Though ash still remains in the sky, the tests flights sent out Sunday have returned without problems. Thus, the beginning of arranging flights to board four days worth of postponed travelers is believed to begin soon. As of Sunday, though the airports remain closed, it is anticipated that numerous passengers will opt for a refund rather than a postponement causing the airports to lose a great deal of revenue.

What Your Internet Coupons Reveal About You

by Sarah Lasser
Staff Writer

With the economy still affecting millions, it has become common practice for Americans to print off coupons from the internet in order to save a little bit of cash. Though these printouts look similar to the coupons one can cut out of a newspaper, they are uniquely different. The two varieties may claim the same percentage of a total to be taken off, the same retailers name, and the same expiration date, but the two will always differ in the barcode. The barcode is a code, and within those cold black lines is a message coded about you.

When you band a cashier a coupon printed from any internet source, the cashier will undoubtedly scan the printout to apply a discount to your purchase. As the purchase is reviewed later by the retail corporation, your coupon is evaluated. The unique barcode can tell the evaluator what search words you specifically typed in to find the coupon. Of course, if you don't use a debit or credit card, or in no other way apply your name to the purchase, you may feel safer. Yet, on the off chance that you printed it off from a link on your Facebook page or while shopping online, retailers can find you in one simple step. A company known as RevTrax makes its business out of posting coupons on various websites. It is utilized

by many retailers from around the country. The company admits to personalizing the coupons it generates for consumers. When asked directly about how the company uses Facebook, Jonathan Treiber, RevTrax's co-founder told the New York Times, "When someone joins a fan club, the user's Facebook ID becomes visible to the merchandiser. We take that and embed it in a bar code or promotion code."

Within the barcode of your coupon there will also be an encoded customer number. This number can trace you back to not only your online Facebook page where retailers can find out who you are and where you come from, but also to what ever else you have checked out on other sites. There is literally a large database that keeps all the information organized. Once a coupon is used in a store, a retailer can search your customer number and see all of your personal information and buying patterns. In a world where private is becoming public, privacy advocates are questioning this legal invasion of privacy of unsuspecting victims. RevTrax does not post a privacy policy on its website. The company claims that the reason being it only interacts with its customers and not the public, as reported by the New York Times. Thus, the privacy of consumers is not regulated in a situation such as this.

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PNC Athletics Announces 2010 Hall of Fame Class

By John Weber
Contributor

The 2010 Purdue North Central Athletic Hall of Fame class was recently announced by John Weber, PNC's Director of Athletics. The lone new member, Mike Pickering, will join the 15 current members from the first four classes since the Hall of Fame was established in 2006.

Pickering will be inducted at the Athletic Awards Banquet to be held at the Stardust Event Center at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City on Sunday, April 25th at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and reservations can be made by contacting Tom Albano at 219-785-5660. Reservations will be accepted until April 19th and no walk-ups will be permitted.

The guest speaker this year is Matt Modleski, a former member

of the Thunderbirds, the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron. Modleski is currently a strategic leadership executive for Stovall Grainger Modleski and speaks extensively throughout the country on leadership initiatives.

Pickering was nominated and selected by current HOF members based on his excellent credentials as a student-athlete for PNC in the late 1990's and early 2000's. He was a PNC student-athlete from 1999 to 2002, serving as a starting guard for the Centaur/Panther basketball team for 3 years and as co-captain for 2 years.

Pickering scored 517 pts in 1999-2000 with a then-school record 71 3-pointers in 2000. He was the first guard from PNC to score over 1,000 points in program history under NAIA status. He also earned All Conference status in 2001-2002 and Honorable Mention recognition in 2000-2001.

In 2001, Pickering finished 6th in the nation for 3-point percentage. He had a career average of 3.26 assists per game and finished in the top ten in conference scoring for two years 2000-01 and 2001-02 at 14.3 points per game. He also was in the top 10 in the CCAC in steals per game at 1.58 per game from 2000-01 and 2001-2002.

Pickering's most memorable performance was January 2, 2002 when he lead the Panthers to their first-ever conference win by defeating Judson College 101-95. In that victory he scored 34 points on 6 for 7 shooting from 3-point territory and finished 10 for 10 from the free throw line. PNC went on to record two more conference wins that season.

F.A.C.E. Committee taking students to Cubs game

Purdue North Central's F.A.C.E. Committee (Fine Arts Convocations and Events) is traveling to Wrigley Field on Sunday May 16, 2010 for the 1:20 PM game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tickets and travel arrangements will be covered as a package deal for \$15 per student. This deal is only valid for students who agree to travel on the designated bus assigned for this event. All tickets for this game are bleacher area seats and the bus for this game will be leaving the PNC parking lot around 9 AM on game day. The limit is one ticket per student and the deadline to reserve a seat is April 1st. After this date all remaining tickets will be opened up to all PNC Staff and Faculty. Come see Student Activities and Athletics Coordinator Tom Albano in room LSF 80 to reserve your ticket today. Seats are limited!

PNC Softball Season Recap

By Doug Cassell
Contributor

April 15, 2010

Purdue North Central was defeated by the visiting Olivet Nazarene Tigers 7-2 and 9-1. The Panthers move to 20-24 on the year and 5-11 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Game one of the double header saw a very sound Olivet team. Offensively, Olivet scored seven runs on eleven hits with a long solo hit to left center by Jarrett in the fifth. The Panther offense also had eight hits but only mustered two runs. The game ended with Olivet winning 7-2.

Defensively, PNC was led by Karissa Inglis, pitching a complete game allowing seven runs on eleven hits, five earned, striking out six and walking one.

Game two saw more of the same from the Tigers scoring nine runs and capitalizing on miscues by PNC. The Panther hitting did improve in game two but still unable to push runs across the plate. Olivet took the win in the fifth inning 9-1 due to the eight run rule.

Brittany Bridges started in the circle for PNC going two and two thirds innings allowing six runs, four earned, on four hits striking out two and walking three. Amanda Jones offered middle relief for PNC going one and one third innings, allowing three runs, two earned, on one hit and walking two. Amber Welsh closed out the game pitching the final inning allowing no runs and striking out one.

PNC softball dropped two to Judson University Tuesday 4-12-10, losing 4-3 and 10-2. The Panthers move to 20-22 on the season and 5-9 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

A close game one goes to the Eagles in the sixth inning. PNC scored first in the top of the third inning when Erin Burleson scored on a single by Megan Olson. Judson tied and then took the lead on back-to-back homers by Dimiceli and Jacobson in the bottom of the fourth. The Panthers answered back with two runs of their own in the top of the sixth when Sam Michalski scored on a single by pinch hitter Santana Bozman. Bozman then scored on a double by Burleson giving the lead back to PNC at 3-2. But the Eagles would not go quietly as Secor batted in Dimiceli and Holm to retake the lead 4-3. The Eagles were able to hold the Panthers in the top of the seventh taking the win 4-3.

Megan Olson and Erin Burleson led the offense for the Panthers, both with two hits and one RBI. Santana Bozman also had a hit and an RBI.

Brittany Bridges was the starting pitcher for the Panthers going five complete innings allowing two runs on three hits walking two and striking out four. Karissa Inglis takes the loss for the Panthers pitching one inning and allowing two runs on four hits and striking out one.

The Eagle offense came to life in game two. Judson got on the board with one run in the first. Judson had a big second inning scoring six runs. Two runs coming off of a

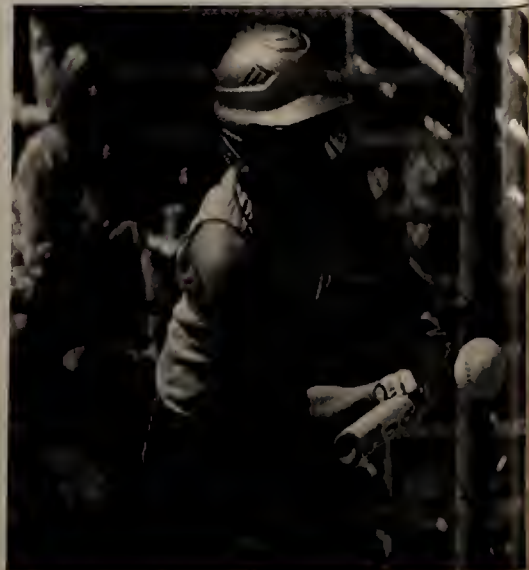
Catlett homer to right center. The Panthers mustered two runs off a Sam Michalski double that scored Megan Olson and Karissa Inglis. The Eagles answered back in the bottom of the sixth when Dimiceli hit a two run homer scoring herself and Lampugnano. Judson took the win when Secor scored off a double by Catlett ending the game in the bottom of the sixth by the eight run rule with Judson taking the win 10-2.

The Panther offense was led by Sam Michalski with one hit and two RBI's. Megan Olson, Karissa Inglis, and Amanda Jones also added hits for PNC.

Amanda Jones started for the Panther defense going one and two thirds innings allowing seven runs, four earned, on five hits walking two and striking out one. Jaci Williams finished out the game going two and one third innings allowing three runs on five hits walking one and striking out one.

Top Right: Two Softball players pose in the field.

Bottom Right: Sophomore Jaci Williams lays down a sacrifice bunt for the Panthers earlier this season in Arizona.



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Meet your Peers

Daikhi leaves PNC with great experiences

By Sarah Lasser

Staff Writer

Name: Lyndsie Daikhi

Major: Communications

Year: Senior

Advice: "Live for the future, not the past or the present."

Lyndsie Daikhi will be handing over her position as the Voice's print editor this year as she will be walking in the next month's graduation ceremony. She has asserted herself in her classes to the point where Professor Scott Smithson describes her as "a focused student who challenges herself to go above and beyond expectations." With a docose personality, the young woman admits that she is "really easy going and just enjoy[s] things in life for what they are." This life attitude has benefited Lyndsie as she worked her way through a bachelor's degree, making numerous friends and creating amazing memories.

Having served as the print editor for the last two years, Lyndsie has balanced her time attending classes, being involved with the PNC student government, and working at a full time job off campus; pretty amazing for a young woman who planned on attending the campus for only one year. Though prepared to transfer to another school for her sophomore

year, Lyndsie still did not close herself off from getting involved on our campus. At the end of her freshman experience, the young woman decided PNC was the place to be. She now claims that "by the end of that first year, I had made many connections and I truly loved PNC." She will be finishing out her years here with much campus involvement and an outside summer internship at the News-Dispatch under her belt.

PNC has definitely had its perks for Lyndsie. Though growing each year, the campus is still small enough that she was able to get to know the faculty and staff on a personal basis. The staff in the Communications department, specifically, has been extremely beneficial in helping Lyndsie get to where she is today. Her plans now fall in the direction of earning a Masters of English and Communications. Already registered for the next fall school year at Valparaiso University, the young woman will be staying around town until she completes the master's degree. After that, however, a dream of teaching English abroad for a couple of years will hopefully come to pass before she returns to the states to work on a doctorate in order to

teach at the university level. Regarding her future, Smithson states, "I believe that Lyndsie Daikhi wants to make a difference in the world and I expect to see more good things from her in the future." When asked what important thing she has learned during her time as an undergraduate that will assist her in her forthcoming endeavors, Lyndsie states, "I have learned that there are many things that can be accomplished if you are persistent and willing to work hard to achieve your goals."

Though proud to be a Panther, Lyndsie acknowledges the commonly noted disadvantage of the undergraduate college. Being a commuter campus, the student body seems to have a hard time getting involved with campus activities. With people working off campus and living some distances away, often events on campus are minimal in participation. This not only affects the college experience as a whole for students, but also serves to lower the morale of event holders and supporters. Lyndsie will be leaving here as a PNC alumnus with the hope that one day that down side will eventually turn around.

Sarah Sanders-Smith for making OSHA and the angle of ladders an interesting subject. Amanda Laudig for respecting diversity in the written language. Not many English professors have the open-mindedness and ability to respect a project that you made with Notepad, a knife and the scraps of printed material you found in your backpack. Todd Hill for always being up for the challenge and having a joke at the ready.

Thanks to Kim Scipes for getting me interested in going to Power Shift 2007 and helping get 10 other students and myself to Washington, D.C. to learn and become invested in our national process of progress. Which introduced me to the work I do with Greenpeace, Rainforest Action Network, Forest Ethics, Jesse Tolkman, Ali Van Doren, many others and led to my speaking as master of ceremonies, workshop leader, and program director of Power Shift Indiana 2009. And that all led to my desire to see PNC becoming more dedicated to the protection of the environment and my involvement in The Sustainability Committee.

Thanks to Jerry Lewis, Bryant Dabney, Sara Soneye, Denise Curtis and everyone else in Financial Aid. Without their help I never would have made it through. Larry Barrett for always being willing to fight for a student when they needed it whether it makes him popular or not. Susan Anderson, April Milam and everyone up in the

Annual PNC Writing Contest Winners Announced

WESTVILLE - The winners of the Purdue University North Central annual Student Writing Contest for the 2008-2009 year have been announced by Robert Mellin, continuing lecturer of English and director of the writing contest. The winning entries are published in Portals, the annual PNC student literary journal.

The contest judging teams included faculty, staff as well as students.

There will be a banquet to honor the winners on April 29, at 6 p.m. in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 114.

The winners are:

Personal Essay: first place - "The Super Bowl," by Ethan Davis, Michigan City; second place - "Waiting," by Tom Potter, Chesterton; third place - "Some Fought for Each Other," by Mark Strudas, Chesterton.

English Composition Research Essay: first place - "Voluntuition," by Thomas Kuebl, Valparaiso; second place - "The Great Debate: The Pros and Cons of Guns in the Classroom," by Robert Braddy, Michi-

gan City; third place - "Unsure of Uniforms: Are Assumed Effects Merely Hearsay?" by Jennifer Evan, Valparaiso; "A Study of Single-Gender Classrooms," by Dan Fortney, Valparaiso.

Campus-Wide Research Essay: first place - "Alzheimer's Disease in Society: Research Efforts Investigate a Cure Through Immunotherapy," by Jennifer Evan, Valparaiso; second place - "Aspartame in the Membrane," by Lakiska Flippin, LaPorte.

Poetry: first place - "Blossom," by Karen Thompson, Valparaiso; second place - "Ad Infinitum," by Karen Thompson, Valparaiso; third place - "Twilight's Last Burn," by Amadeo Madrid, Michigan City.

Short Fiction: first place (tie) - "Crispix and Glasses," by David Mak, Michigan City and "A Touch of Time," by Deeb Browne, LaPorte; third place - "Roll Call," by Jonathon Meyers, Michigan City.

Art Contest: first place - "My Home," by Cynthia de Santiago, LaPorte; second place - "Midsummer Sunlight at the Dunes," by Laura Gertzner, Portage.

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one was rather blown out of proportion, and it was not the last time Dean of Students came looking for me to discuss something I had done. Through the years, Dean Higgins has pointed me in as many positive directions and to opportunities I would have never seen had I ever questioned a certain professor. He's also never kicked me out for any number of antics. It reminds me the nature of questioning everything is to get in a bit of trouble, learn a whole lot and open more doors than you ever close.

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Dr. Henning for inviting me

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believe I'm still the only one who has a press pass that worked on The Voice.

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So long PNC, it has been a long a tireless ride of both good and bad times which have taught us valuable life lessons.



Top Left: Editor Lyndsie Daikhi with PNC Panther Pounce at Christmas time.

Bottom Left: Cameron Kelly-Johnson (contributor) poses with Chancellor James Dworkin.

PNC Travels back to Peru

Join Professors Kincaid and Ziengenfus as they return with PNC students and community members. Adding to their successful 2008 program which included a few days in the colonial city of Lima and the archeological center of the northern Peruvian coast where Dr. Kincaid has worked for years and, of course, Cuzco and Macchu Picchu, this year's program will be even better. In addition to a return to the sites listed below--WE WILL BE GOING TO CUZCO DURING INTI RAYMI, the program has added excursions to Lake Titicaca, along the Peruvian/Bolivian border, Nazca -where students will fly over the ancient Nazca lines, the Paracas -site of an archipelago of small islands that are home to a diverse assortment of marine life. For more information, contact Dr. Kincaid (kkincaid@pnc.edu) or Continuing Education (785-5343)

2010 Highlights Include:

Lima (museums, cultural programs, university visits, mural projects)

Northern Peru- Trujillo, Lambayeque, Paracora (archeological sites, excavations, community visits, regional traditions, community services, forest reserves, environmental and social NGOs, construction and culinary workshops, live Andean music)

Central Peru- Nazca lines, Paracas Islands, Ica, Pisco capital

Highland and Southern Peru- Valley of the Incas, Cuzco, Macchu Picchu, Sacsahuayman, Awanacancha, Ollantaytambo, Incan Planetariums, Juliaca, Puno Lake Titicaca



Members of the 2008 Peru trip pause for a picture break at Macchu Picchu. Photo Provided